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HARK, ONE AND ALL! Place on your calender, as a Very Important Date, the evening of Saturday, April 30th. This will be our annual Spring UFO Party, this year combined with our Pre-Convention Pep Rally, whatever that means.

To what convention do we refer, you ask? Naturally we refer to the 20th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC), to be held on the weekend of May 14th in Tucson, Arizona. (See details on back page of this issue.) Latest convention speaker to be added to the list is Timothy Green Beckley ("Mr. UFO") of New York City, whose presentation in Tucson will be called "UFOs in Sight and Sound". Other speakers at the convention will include famed Phoenix broadcaster & UFO researcher Hal Starr; Kal K. Korff of Kalifornia; and Rick Hilberg of Cleveland, Ohio.

So - come to both the party and the Tucson conclave if you can! Address for the party is: 121 69th Street, Guttenberg, N.J. (Phone: 201-869-8053 for details.)....

ALL RIGHT, TIMOTHY GOOD, HERE'S YOUR BOOK REVIEW!

We've mentioned a couple of times lately about a new UFO book from England, co-authored by Timothy Good, called "George Adamski: The Untold Story". The other co-author is one Lou Zinsstag (elderly female), who is described on the flyleaf as having "become George Adamski's Swiss representative. But after promoting his interests loyally for seven years, disagreement and uncertainty forced her to stop working with him in 1964." We do wonder what wondrous untold tale lies untold here!

We really wanted to avoid reviewing this book, because Tim Good has phoned us two or three times all the way from England during the last stages of its preparation, and was always courteous & kind by phone as well as by letter. We sensed somehow that the book would turn out to be violently pro-Adamski, and we didn't want to spoil an incipient friendship by fussing about it in print.

BUT - now that we've received our free review copy, we ARE going to bite the hand that fed us (to butcher a metaphor!) and tell you that, in spite of obvious painstaking research, this book is way off base - to put it very mildly! Look, friends: We published an expose of George Adamski in 1957 that would convince any reasonably rational & unbiased person that ole George was gilding the lilly quite a bit, if not totally. Your humble editor traveled hundreds of miles and interviewed dozens of people first-hand. Our "Special Adamski Expose Issue" of SAUCER NEWS (long out of print) ran about 25 pages of concise factual information. Yet in their book Good & Zinsstag refer to our monumental work only twice, very briefly, and in both cases reject our conclusion on the specific point in question.

Good's "Will to Believe" is overwhelming! A case in point, though minor, illustrates our thesis perfectly: On page 156, the authors are discussing evidence tending to prove that Adamski's alleged trips into outer space were genuine. Adamski is said (in "Inside the Spaceships") to have traveled into Space with two unnamed scientists. In a footnote on

page 156 the authors point out that one Richard Ogden "stated in 'Saucer Smear' (Dec. 10, 1982) that one of the scientists was his friend Dr. David Turner". Perfectly true; Ogden did make that statement in the above-mentioned recent issue of "Smear". But in the SAME short letter, in the SAME "Smear", Ogden also states the following, which the pro-Adamski-ites fail-ed to quote: "...I must retire from the UFO field and cannot write you again, because I am obviously insane and have nothing worthwhile to say." Couldn't we thus assume that Ogden is an unreliable source for a pro-Adamski (or any other) reference???

Finally, we are "turned off" because G & Z provide endless circumstantial evidence in favor of the notorious R.E. Straith letter (U.S. State Dept.) to George Adamski being genuine. Better research on the authors' part might have led them to an entirely different conclusion, but that would be expecting far too much in a field of research where even minimum standards of reason & logic have long ago been scrapped!

### TID-BITS OF TRASH:

IF AN "X" FOLLOWS YOUR NAME on the envelope in which you received this issue of "Smear", it means your non-subscription has expired and that this will be your last "Smear" unless we hear from you (via letter, ESP, etc.) quite soon. We have to weed out the Inactive from our List every so often, in hopes of keeping this humble zine coming only to those who have a sincere interest of one sort or another....

It seems our cartoon of Phil Klass and Bob Sheaffer, published in the January "Smear", has caused more controversy than we anticipated. Walt Andrus and Gray Barker asked for permission to reprint it in their respective zines, and we would have assumed there would be no problem; but the above-mentioned skeptics have put pressure on the cartoonist, Piet Hoebens of Holland, to withhold his permission. Petty behavior on the part of these skeptics, in our opinion!...On the night/morning of March 6th/7th, your editor was on WMCA's Candy Jones Show again, this time with noted author and skeptic Daniel Cohen, former editor of "Science Digest". Under discussion was Cohen's latest book for Dodd, Mead, entitled "The Encyclopedia of Monsters". Of course this led to a detailed on-the-air discussion of Mothman, and from there on into UFOs. Mary Robinson of Jersey City joined us for about twenty minutes by telephone, telling about the various creatures & UFOs she has seen from her apartment window during the past several weeks. (See our item on this in the Feb. 15th "Smear!").... In spite of the relative public apathy of recent years, UFOs still pop up on TV now and then. We watched a short saucer segment on "P.M. Magazine" this past Feb. 24th, in which photos taken in the early 1970's by Joe Farrier of "Probe" were discussed. Then on March 8th we watched a half-hour "In Search Of" presentation, featuring reenactments of two "close encounters of the 4th kind" (i.e., abductions). These involved hypnotic regression by Leo Sprinkle and Jim Harder of APRO, respectively, to bring out what occurred during the "missing time" that the abductees experienced....

O UFOIL (Charles Wilhelm, Ron Schaffner & others) of the Cincinnati area have come up with an interesting report concerning a recent UFO sighting in Mainville, Ohio. The sighting itself turns out to have probably involved a mere (natural) electrical phenomenon, but we are impressed by the thoroughness of the investigation, and the group's willingness to "let the chips fall where they may". Same was true of their definitive report, some time back, concerning the notorious "Tomato Man" photos. All too few UFO investigators make any real attempt at all to be objective in their research, and we therefore commend O UFOIL. (Yes, gentle reader, we do say nice things about people once in awhile!)....Your editor has recently received a second copy of an odd anonymous form letter, which begins: "With pride we announce the formation of the militant Abductee Defense League.

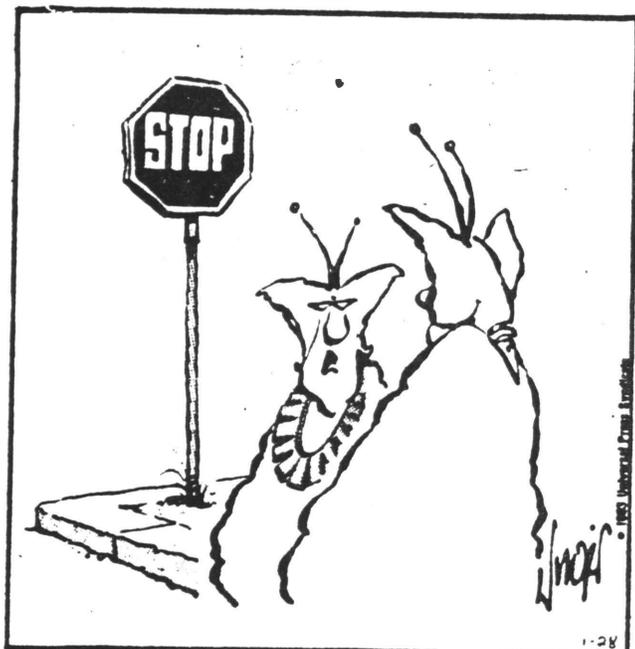
Why are the vast majority of so-called 'UFO Abductees' Jewish or Indian? The hoax letter raves on in this vein, and ends with a drawing of the New York skyline, with one building (possibly the United Nations) marked with a large Star of David. Weird!!.....

This fiscal year, the NASA budget will include  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million dollars for an instrument that attaches to a radiotelescope. The instrument, a signal analyzer, will eventually study 10 million radio frequencies in a search for a message from intelligent beings elsewhere in the universe. Carl Sagan, who has infuriated UFO fans with his anti-saucer attitude, is one of the key people who lobbied hard for these funds to be made available for this purpose.....A recent UPI article informs us that as far back as 1940, President Roosevelt commissioned a top-secret study to explore the possibility of resettling wartime refugees on other planets. (Of course, there was no way to actually do so then, or even now; but it is interesting that the possibility was seriously considered.)....

A new book called "The Awesome Force" is available for \$16.00 from Cadake Industries, P.O. Box 9478, Winter Haven, Florida 33880. Herein we will (hopefully) find "the explanation of the mysteries of the oregon vortex; human spontaneous combustion; transmutation of elements; teleportation; pyramid energy", etc. Nikola Tesla and Wilhelm Reich are among the late departed experts who are discussed. Also, there's talk of UFO activity, disappearances, levitations, free energy devices, the Hollow Earth, and buildings on the Moon. Not bad for a mere \$16, eh?.....

#### PRESS-TIME FLASHES:

Robert Wanderer has impressed us favorably again - this time with his article "The Lessons of NOVA" in the current (Dec. 1982) issue of the "MUFON UFO Journal". He summarizes the controversy between ufologists and skeptics re the recent NOVA television documentary about saucers, and states, in effect, that NOVA did the best they could under the circumstances. We agree....French researcher Jacques Vallee came across well in an appearance on the Merv Griffin TV show, on the evening of March 11th. With him were two West Coast UFO sighters who told their stories coherently and sensibly. Vallee is apparently making good money with his own electronic firm and does not saucer nearly as much as he used to, unfortunately. Pity, because we need good men to hold the Movement together in these Troubled Times!.....



"We can't stand here all day. It must have jammed."

## **Art Smashed for God**

FORT WORTH, Texas (UPI) — Evangelist James Robison and millionaire T. Cullen Davis last October smashed \$1 million worth of jade, ivory and gold art objects relating to Eastern religions because they were "graven images" which do not "please the Lord."

Robison, whose ministry is based in suburban Euless, Monday confirmed the destruction of the objects.

Davis, exonerated in sensational trials in the 1970s of murdering his stepdaughter and wife's lover and plotting to have his divorce court judge murdered, refused to comment.

After the trials, Davis — a onetime flamboyant playboy industrialist — became a born-again Christian under the guidance of Robison and it was because of this conversion that the destruction of the objects took place, Robison said.

Davis had donated the rare pieces, including a four-foot jade pagoda carving valued at more than \$500,000, to Robison's ministry.

# Alien fun necessary

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

Long-time UFO researcher & author LEN STRINGFIELD writes:

"'Smear' goofed a trifle! In your Feb. 15th newsletter you stated that my recently-published paper, 'UFO Crash/Retrievals: Amassing the Evidence' is purchaseable from the address of Larry Bryant of CAUS. Not so. Misread was a flyer you received, promoting my paper. For the record, my paper on alleged UFO crash/retrievals is available only from my home address, as follows: 4412 Grove Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45227. Domestic price is \$11.00 including postage and handling. Overseas, air mail printed matter is \$13.50.

"Incidentally, new sources with similar information have emerged through intermediaries, but so far I have no direct communication with any of the alleged witnesses. As in all earlier cases, fear of reprisal seems to be uppermost in their minds. In the meantime, I'm still waiting for that intrepid soul to surface with more than just testimony!...."

Though we most sincerely wish Len success in his patient quest, we fear it's doomed to failure, as ours was. - Editor.

RILEY CRABB of BSRA writes as follows:

"The Feb. 15th edition of 'Smear' was very readable and informative, as usual, especially the names and attitudes of the critics clinging to their childish conceit that this is the only inhabited planet in the universe.....

"I wanted to go to the Reno UFO convention but the wife talked me out of it. I think I will make an effort to get to Tucson in May for an exchange of ideas with you guys, and I'll try to get a plug in the March-April BSRA Journal as I complete it for the printer this week.

"Keep the Light of Truth and Beauty burning in Fart Lee...."

TOM BURCH, alleged by some to be a (shudder!) Government agent, writes as follows:

"Blue Room - Blue Book - Blue Balls!!! Enough is enough already! When are we going to give up on this Government conspiracy crap? It seems that whenever things get quiet in the UFO world someone dredges up the old cover-up skeleton again and we run off to engage in a massive exercise in wild-eyed speculation and raving accusation. We spin our wheels in the quagmire of the federal bureaucracy and get nothing of value for our effort!

"The protracted battle waged by CAUS attorney Peter Gersten against the FBI, CIA and DIA did result in the release of a considerable amount of Government-held UFO material, but what significant knowledge was gained about UFOs? All that was proven was that the Government lied about its interest in and study of UFOs. But we gained no valuable information whatsoever about the UFO phenomenon itself!

"As one who has worked within the military/industrial complex for the past 15 years, let me assure you - if the Government ever did recover a downed UFO, they would have managed to lose it by now, or someone would have stolen it out of a GSA warehouse.

"Please - let the Government conspiracy theory die a peaceful death once and for all!"

**Social Security  
Trying to Stop  
Checks to Dead**

**N.Y. nun still in coma but improves  
after being beaten on eve of holiday**

Budding ufological author KEN BEHRENDT writes:

"The last issue of 'Saucer Smear' was interesting as usual. I agree with James Randi that most or all of the paranormal feats that Uri Geller performs can be duplicated with trickery and sleight of hand. However, this does not necessarily mean that all of Geller's feats are tricks.

"From the films I've seen of Geller bending spoons (i.e., the 'Geller Effect') I am convinced that there is a real effect involved and no trickery used.

"I believe that Geller is capable of producing a new type of field effect at his fingertips when he holds and concentrates on spoons. This field effect would have to work by somehow lowering the repulsive electrostatic forces that act between the like charged nuclei and electrons in the spoon's metal atoms. Once this occurs, the rigidity of the metal crystal lattices begins to decrease. Individual metal atoms are then able to slip past each other and the part of the spoon Geller holds momentarily behaves like a fluid. The actual bending is due to the weight of the spoon's unaffected ends pivoting around the part Geller holds...."

WILLIAM RETOFF reduces us to tears with the following lament:

"In my wanderings to various shopping malls in the past few months, I've made a shocking discovery: THERE ARE NO UFO MAGS AT THE NEWS STANDS AND BOOK STORES ANY MORE! No 'Saga UFO Report', no 'True Flying Saucers', no 'Official UFO', no 'Ancient Astronauts', no (etc.)

"Where have they gone? Are they out of publication? Did the Silence Group get to them?? Does this mean I'm stuck reading 'G.I. Combat', 'Batman' and 'Flash' for the rest of my life??"

HILARY EVANS writes us concerning an interesting conference he and other English ufologists had in France recently with their counterparts in that country:

"....One thing was clear from the start: French ufologists are every bit as skeptical as us English. They have had their share of monumental hoaxes - as for instance the Cergy-Pontoise non-abduction about which I wrote in FATE last year - and are no more inclined than the non-subscribers of 'Saucer Smear' to expect Cosmic Brothers to step out of their spaceships next Tuesday evening. At the same time, they are inclined to reject the outright skepticism of extremists like Michel Monnerie, as we reject the ditto of Philip Klass. The difference is that Monnerie was for many years a practicing ufologist who was able to criticize ufology from the inside. Even so, his total rejection has not been accepted by even the hardest-headed ufologue.

"French ufologists tend, more than in Britain, to be ufologists pure and simple; but an interdisciplinary approach is gradually imposing itself. There is a growing realization that visions of the Virgin, sightings of Bigfoot, and outbreaks of poltergeist pranks, cannot be rigidly separated from straight UFO activity....

"On one thing all of us at Boulogne were agreed, and I think that most of your non-subscribers would share this view: Okay, so perhaps the UFOs of our childhood no longer exist; perhaps they never did exist. But something exists, call it what we will! "

Born in Miners Mills, Pa., Mr. Siley lived in Palisades Park for the past 50 years. He was a driver for the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeloaders.

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## Bishop who sold mummy parts ousted

CEPHALONIA, Greece (AP) — Church bells pealed in celebration on this Greek island yesterday when residents heard their bishop had been dismissed almost three years after he was first accused of selling fragments of a 400-year-old mummified saint. Local police said a special



## Laugh Till Your GUTS BLEED

Most religions have had the 'grins' hammered out of them by easily-duped fanatics. The Church of the SubGenius is a bombardment of morbid yuks... a cult of screamers and laughers, scoffers, blasphemers, sinners and the last holymen in America today.

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RON SCHAFFNER of OUFOIL writes:

"Thanks for the latest 'Smear'. As usual, I loved it! I must admit that I cannot understand Beckjord's logic. After his last statements, need I say more about his methods! I keep getting this cartoon in my mind. I picture Beckjord pushing this concrete drum around, with feet attached. That is - pushing it like a lawn mower; or better yet, it reminds me of the front end of the Flintstones' automobile...."

And, the irreversible JON BECKJORD writes:

"My critics of the Walla Walla Bigfoot Weight Testing disappoint me. I expected better. What seems to shake them up is the conclusion: That Bigfoot is abnormally, anomalously heavy. Since an ordinary animal could not be so, then, obviously, Bigfoot is not ordinary, nor is it an 'animal'.

"It's strange to hear such criticisms from readers of 'Smear'. I thought the old hackneyed criticism that goes 'Because we don't like the results, the situation cannot exist' was limited to UFO critics. I guess not!...."

Editor's Note: Jon goes on to describe an expedition to Loch Ness he is planning for this coming summer. For details, phone him at 206-632-9999, or write to: Box 31990, Seattle, Wa. 98103.

Long-time ufologist GEORGE EARLEY hits us with:

"I have noted a tendency, in a number of UFO reports published recently, to validate the existence of a UFO largely on the grounds that a distant aerial object was 'soundless'. 'It was a calm, windless night,' says the witness, 'and I could hear no engine sounds.' Q.E.D. - the object must have been a UFO.

"I don't agree. Absence of wind at ground level does not mean absence of winds aloft. Ask any small boy trying to fly a kite. Meteorologists are aware of this, as are pilots...."

"In general it seems to me that there is a disquieting tendency in some ufological circles these days not only towards uncritical acceptance of many claims/reports, but of accusing those who would question such claims of being cronies of CSICOP or dupes of the CIA! If this trend continues, the end result could be the equating of 'scientific ufology' with 'scientific creationism'."

DAVE REISSIG wades in with:

"I recently read 'The Andreasson Affair: Phase Two' (1982) by Raymond E. Fowler, and it has clarified my thinking a little. The question that nags many ufologists is: How much of the UFO phenomenon is objectively real and how much is created by the mind? This really resembles the question of the existence of God, and the earlier question of the existence of Santa Claus. It is the old objective/subjective question, and it may be unanswerable in terms of proof. Do they merge?

"Here's a nice quote I recently ran across, by G. K. Chesterton: 'Materialists and madmen never have doubts.'"

LARRY PETERS, former aide to 'Dr.' McIntyre, writes as follows:

"....You are doing a valuable service, whether intended or not, simply by printing comments made by most of these frustrated misfits. They should all get into politics because they pass about the same amount of crap back and forth; but at least we are all still alive and willing to go at it in the Ole American Way!...."

That's a compliment, I think! - Editor.

ALLEN BENZ of Tucson (site of the '83 Nat. UFO Conference,) writes:

"Re the Gindilis Report, it is an official Soviet government publication authored by Dr. Lev Gindilis of the Shternberg State Astronomical Institute in Moscow. The actual title is: 'Observations of Anomalous Atmospheric Phenomena in the USSR: A Statistical Analysis'. More information can be found in the Oct. 1982 'MUFON UFO Journal', page 6, column 3."

TOM BENSON, writing under the name "I. Givva Damsky", says:

"Piet Hoebens' cartoon in 'Saucer Smear' showing 'super skeptic' Phil Klass and 'baby skeptic' Robert Sheaffer was great, but could have been better if the other 'baby twin', Jim Oberg was included!

"Also in 'Smear', Betty Hill was quoted saying: 'Now I must return to the eight sightings I have received in the last twelve hours.' I assume she is referring to UFOs. And Timothy Green Beckley's alleged Seattle statements where he endorsed Billy Meier, the alleged phony contactee, and said that the Bermuda Triangle is probably the point of a 'time warp' (here sounding like Charles Berlitz of Triangle fame). Both Betty and Beckley sound like they have long gone 'over the hill' or that advanced stages of senility have set in!...."

The one & only JIM OBERG writes:

"The reaction (to my studies on Russian UFOs) has been mixed. Klass and Sheaffer have been delighted. Hendry and Andrus have been exemplary. Hynek has waffled: 'Stop beating a dead horse and trying to cover the waterfront with its carcass' (whatever that means). Lucius Farish has sniffed; Gordon Creighton and 'Flying Saucer Review' have detected a conspiracy; Bill Moore has made veiled suggestions of CIA sponsorship.

"Here is a threat: Since my reports were first written I've found three more correlations of famous Soviet UFOs and Soviet space shots or missile tests (in the 1947-to-present period). But to avoid appearing to grind an ax, I am going to temporarily withhold that information, to give other ufologists a chance to redeem their pride and do the kind of research on Soviet UFO reports which they should have done from the very start. I volunteer to assist any interested ufologists in a literature search, and will share my results with curious folks who swear secrecy. Then I'll wait to see if any ufologists really want to do research!...."

"Will the lessons of these Soviet pseudo-UFOs be taken to heart by Western ufologists? A test will be in how Chinese UFO reports, now being unleashed upon the world, are treated. All the drawbacks in researching Soviet reports exist even more so in China. Unacknowledged military missile and space activity, together with other classified man-made events (all the flying objects over China are not controlled by or even known to the Peking government), are bound to engender a high percentage of pseudo-UFOs. Western sources may give some useful data, but the key is this: Glowing endorsements of the importance of raw uncalibrated, unresearched (and essentially forever unresearchable) Chinese UFO reports would be a sure sign that ufologists have been blind to the practical lessons of pseudo-UFOria in the Soviet Union."

Finally, kindly old HANS J. PETERMANN, Physicist, writes:

"I'd like to respond to the letter sent to 'Saucer Smear' by Amy Davidson. I wish that Wendelle Stevens would have learned to check his facts thoroughly, especially the 'Meier hoax case' he investigated in such a gullible manner with Lee Elders....It seems that Stevens, along with Gray Barker and a few others, are only interested in the total profits of the Money System, instead of researching their facts thoroughly...."

- REAL ADVERTISEMENT -

FACTS REGARDING THE 20TH ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE  
(NUFOC)

- - - sponsored by the Southern Arizona Chapter - U.A.P.A.

A public session of the National UFO Conference will be held Saturday, May 14, 1983 at the Safford Jr. High School Auditorium, 300 S. 5th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701 from 7:00p.m. to 9:30p.m. Doors will open a 6:00p.m. Admission is open to the public at \$4.00 per person. Advance sale tickets are available at the Plaza International, Speedway at Campbell, for \$3.00 per person.

Speakers will be: Rick Hilberg, Cleveland, Ohio, on "UFOS-An Illustrated History"; Kal Korff, Union City, California, on "The UFO Phenomenon"; and Hal Starr, Phoenix, Arizona on "The KGB, CIA & UFOS-The Cosmic Watergate".

For Conference delegate reservations write: Edward Biebel, 1612 Charolais Way, Nogales, AZ 85621. The Closed sessions on May 14-15 are open to all serious ufologists. Credentials are \$5.00 per person for all sessions at the Plaza International and the Open Session. Make checks payable to the Southern Arizona Chapter of the United Aerial Phenomena Agency (S.A.C.-U.A.P.A.).

The delegate housing will be at the Plaza International, Speedway at Campbell, Tucson, Arizona. The Plaza is providing a special group rate of \$39.00/single and \$41.00/double. Room reservations should be made directly to the Plaza by April 1, 1983, as they are reserving a block of rooms for the Conference.

Dealer tables at the Pulbic session to be held Saturday, May 14, are \$25.00. There are a limited number of table available. Your check reserves your table(s).

Since Tucson is a great distance from the midwest and east coast, delegates may want to incorporate a vacation with their plans to attend the Conference. Arrangements can be made for trips to; Ambos Nogales (Nogales, Arizona & Nogales, Sonora, Mexico); Patagonia Mountain Ghost Towns; Tombstone; Old Tucson; Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum (one of the top 5 zoological parks in the US) and the wonders of the Old Pueblo (Tucson), "Sunshine Factory" of the Southwest.

Of special interest to ufologists will be trips to; the Smithsonian Astro-physical Observatory on Mt. Hopkins (home of the Multiple Mirror Telescope-MMT); Kitt Peak National Observatory (home of the McMath Solar Telescope) and the University of Arizona Flandrau Planatarium (within walking distance of the Plaza International).

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