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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

James Randi and CSICOP have been slapped with an eighteen million dollar (\$18,000,000) lawsuit by a psychic researcher & Uri Geller supporter named Eldon Byrd, as a result of allegedly libelous statements Randi made about Byrd in a magazine called "Twilight Zone" many months ago. Randi was given a subpoena at the conclusion of his June 7th 2-hour syndicated anti-psychic TV show - a production that further enraged Randi's critics because of its negative tone.

We have found it difficult if not impossible to find anyone who will comment on this lawsuit either on or off the record, because of the delicate nature of the whole mess. Basically, Randi has often been accused of morals charges, by Byrd and many others, and Randi turned the tables, with a morals charge against Byrd. How much truth there is to any of these charges is a matter of pure speculation as far as we are concerned...

Gulf Breeze Update: Ed Walters has had a copyright attorney write to Dr. Willy Smith, to prevent Smith from using some of Ed's copyrighted Gulf Breeze photos in a planned expose. On the other hand, MUFON forces have brought Smith's scientific qualifications into question. (More on this in next issue.) Furthermore, Smith is persona non grata with CUFOS as well as MUFON, at this point! CUFOS is planning to run a two-part expose of Smith's UNICAT Project in "The International UFO Reporter". Their current issue of IUR includes a (to us) hilarious article, with pictures, called "How to Take Your Own Gulf Breeze Photos". Read this!....

Bigfootologist Erik Beckjord, from whom we have a nice letter, printed further along in this issue, is indeed a strange one. Normally he bombards us with trivia he wants us to print, but when he gets involved in a Big Story, he remains Silent! According to newspaper accounts, Beckjord was recently arrested while in Washington State to attend a conference of the International Society of Cryptozoology (ISC), an organization which has pointedly refused him membership. Beckjord was accused of having written a series of threatening letters to one Mark Francis, a 23-year-old Big-foot hunter from Ohio. Beckjord insists that Francis wrote the letters himself, to frame him, but nevertheless he was barred from the conference, and ended up holding a "counter-conference" in his motel room. Maybe Beckjord will elaborate on all this for our next issue. Meanwhile, we are grateful to CSICOPer Michael Dennett for the clippings....

Wendell Stevens and August C. Roberts have come out as co-authors of a two-volume book called "UFO Photographs Around the World". Stevens, as olde-time "Smear" readers will recall, emerged from Arizona State Prison last year, after serving five years on a morals charge. Augie Roberts, on the other hand (who has never met Stevens) is a long-time UFO photo collector and avid enthusiast, going back almost 40 years. The flying saucer

field does indeed make strange bedfellows. These books are well done, with photos & text, and although not even the authors guarantee all the pictures are Real, they are at least very interesting. Our friend George Green of America West Publishers offers a special rate to "Smear" readers of only \$15 postpaid for the two volume set. Send your dough to P.O. Box K, Boulder, Colorado 80306....

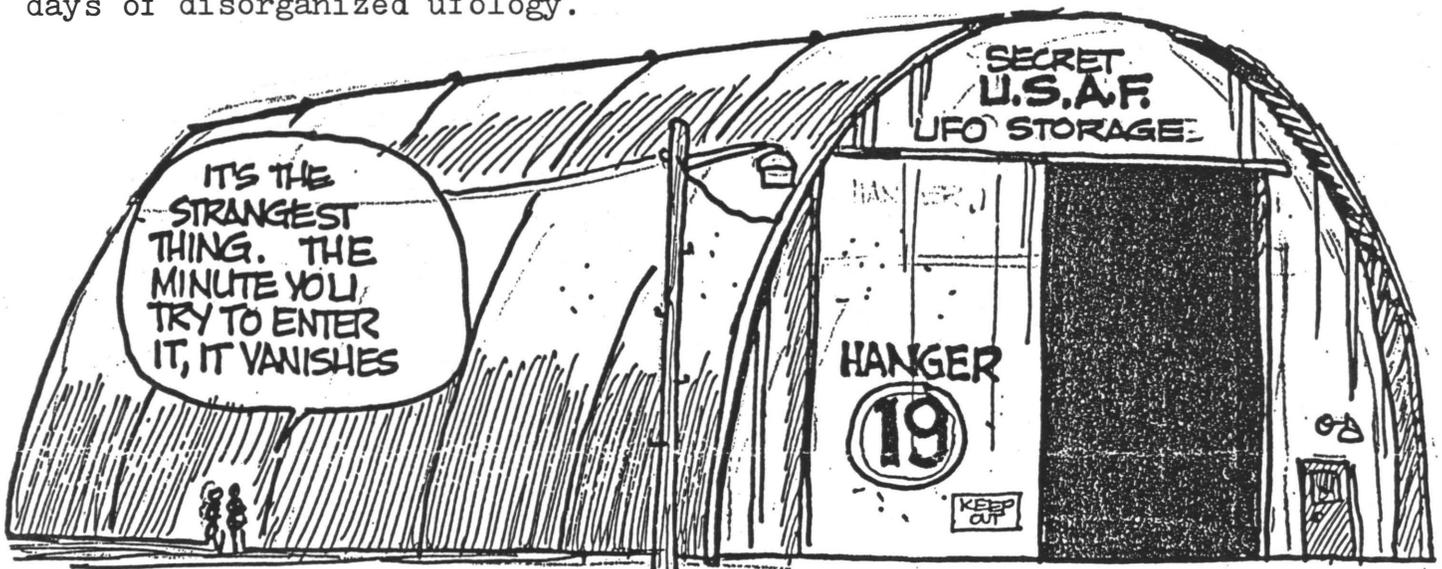
"Smear" has learned that the picture of a UFO near New York City's Chrysler Building, published in our April issue, was a deliberate double-exposure or "montage" made by a friend of ufologist Antonio Hunneus - a professional photographer named Manuel Fernandez. The photo is supposedly a perfect duplicate of Ed's craft, as it was allegedly lifted from the back cover of a recent issue of Tim Beckley's "UFO Universe", where one of Ed's UFO photos was displayed. However, Mr. Ed strongly denies that the answer is so simple, and insists that the craft shown near the Chrysler Building is shaped differently than the UFOs in any of his pictures. We will investigate this matter further....

Our sincere thanks to B. T. Elder, editor of a weird little zine called "Far Corner", for the cartoon on Page 3 of our last issue. It turns out that he "borrowed" the cartoon from somewhere else, and all we did was pass it along. Elder has a great sense of humor and a unique sort of rag. He can be reached (if at all) at: P.O. Box 483, Eureka, Ca. 95502....

A MUFON news release of July 5th, 1989 states that "according to Phil Klass, editor of Aviation Week, 'Dr. Maccabee is one of the most intelligent, one of the most technically competent, one of the most rigorous scientists, maybe among the top five in the States'".

This is a perfect example of the truth being lost by a subtle series of misquotes. In the first place, Klass is not editor of Aviation Week, but a retired senior editor (one of several senior editors). MUFON's statement is apparently a quote from the Pensacola News Journal, from an article by one Dave Richardson, who writes that according to Klass, "Maccabee is 'one of the most intelligent, one of the most technically competent, one of the most rigorous scientists he (Klass) has ever crossed swords with. Klass puts him among the top five scientists in the nation who study UFOs (emphasis ours), or maybe among the top three." Richardson leaves out Klass' further statement that he also considers Maccabee to be one of the most gullible and credulous of UFO investigators....

Finally - an Argentine ufologist named Alex Chionetti (now living in Los Angeles) visited us in Key West recently, and told us of a startling Peruvian UFO landing case from 1954 that he has been researching! We eagerly await further details about this intriguing incident from the early days of disorganized ufology.



GLORIOUS RE-HASH OF MUFON's LAS VEGAS CONVENTION:

During the period from July 6th through 9th, your editor and some 500 other devotees attended the 29th annual MUFON convention, held this year in one of Las Vegas's major casino-hotels.

In addition to the convention, which was weird enough, your editor had two rather unusual experiences: The first was the fact that the airline lost our bag for three full days, till after the convention was over! This helps to explain the lack of photos herein, as our camera was in the bag. The second experience was even more startling: For the first time in dozens of visits to gambling joints, we actually won a respectable amount of money. Our explanation for this, which we cannot prove, is that the Alladin Hotel was going bankrupt (as mentioned on TV news while we were there), and decided to "open up" the slot machines to attract more business. Either that, or else we have finally perfected our previously non-existent psychic powers.

The convention was wild, wild, wild, just as we had anticipated! The tone was set by Bill Lear, MUFON's eccentric state director for Nevada. Originally Lear was to be the convention's chairman, but when it became obvious to the MUFON hierarchy that Lear was semi-incommunicado, Hal Starr stepped in from neighboring Arizona as co-chairman; and indeed it was Starr who did all of the MC'ing. Not all of Starr's humorous remarks would make it on the Johnny Carson Show, but he performed well, as the (very) old Pro that he most assuredly is.

Lear even failed to appear at the press conference Friday morning, where most of the convention speakers gave a brief summary of their views. Most astounding was the fact that the "real" press was barely present among the approx. 50 people in the press conference audience. When Walt Andrus asked for questions from the press, there were none. This boggles the mind, as the speakers had just made allegations which, if true, would change the destiny of the planet Earth! Obviously, no one present was ready to take this stuff seriously. Nor were we.

Lear got into gear on Sunday morning, however, as lead-off among a group of "unofficial speakers", billed in the MUFON program as an "added feature" of the convention. Translation: Lear and his cohorts - Bill Cooper, Bill English, and Don Ecker - were too "far out" even for the liberal official MUFON format, which was wild enough & included government conspiracy, crashed saucers, cattle mutilation, and numerous other horrors.

Among Lear's revelations: The Government UFO investigation is financed by illegal drugs from Southeast Asia; The Government has 15 to 20 captured UFOs; There are 30 to 100 alien bodies at Wright-Patterson AFB and Homestead AFB in Florida (uncomfortably close to Key West!); Seven alien civilizations are currently visiting us; Project Grudge Report #13 (thought by many to be a hoax) was co-authored by the late Dr. Hynek and includes photos of humans mutilated by aliens.

Regrettably, John Lear resigned from the UFO field (and presumably MUFON) as of 9 p.m. on the evening of Sunday, July 2nd (midnight EST, for the statistically minded.) Will he bounce back into the fray eventually? "Time will tell", to quote the late, great George Adamski.

Another less well-known Adamski quote might help to explain Bill Moore's presentation, which was as noteworthy as was Lear's. In a private letter to a cohort, which we obtained long ago, Adamski once said, "Sometimes you have to use the back door to get the Truth across." Moore seems to have taken this advice literally, as he sped in & back out of an unused rear entrance to the hall, when giving his "paper" to the assembled MUFON-ites. At no time during the convention did he mingle with the masses or even reveal where in Las Vegas he was staying!

Among other things, Moore admitted that in the early 1980's he acted as an unpaid government agent, giving the government information on Paul Bennewitz, APRO, and "to a lesser extent, several other individuals", un-

named. He also admitted that at least part of the information given out by "Falcon" and "Condor" on last October's TV program "UFO Coverup? - Live" was disinformation, but he didn't say which part! Moore's talk included a vast number of confessions, accusations, corrections, etc., to the point that we ended up in total confusion.

Interested readers should shell out ten dollars for Moore's special issue of "Focus" (4219 W. Olive Ave., Suite 247; Burbank, Ca. 91505), which has the complete text of his MUFON presentation. Interestingly, this address is not where Moore actually lives, but is merely a mail drop.

Moore's lecture, though well-spoken, went over like a lead balloon, as far as the convention's audience was concerned. Conservatives were quietly confused and disappointed, while the radical followers of John Lear hooted and raved from the audience, till Moore had to tell them to desist. As one fan speaking later to Phil Klass observed, "Moore took careful aim at his own foot, and blew his head off."

There were indeed other interesting speakers (as well as some uninteresting ones), the most notable of which were Dr. Jacques Vallee talking about weird Brazilian UFO cases, and Dr. John Brandenburg speaking about the strange faces, etc., seen on Mars by our space probes.

Jennie Zeidman, formerly associated with Dr. Hynek, did an update on the famous Mansfield, Ohio helicopter case. Zeidman, who looked and sounded like a mild-mannered lady, allegedly made a remark to Phil Klass in private that even "Smear" won't print. On the other hand, Klass, who attended all the sessions avidly with his still camera in hand, got a lot of attention from fans with a much more positive attitude toward him. His greatest photo opportunity came when he caught up with Ed Walters, who was trying to keep a low profile at the convention.

Other speakers included Dr. Donald Johnson; Don Berliner; Bob Oechler; Timothy Good; Linda Howe; and inevitably, Stanton Friedman - who proved himself a good sport, as he went out of his way to shake hands with your humble editor. Ditto for Lt. Col. Wendelle Stevens, who did not speak but attended the convention with his two grown daughters.

This brings to mind a rather obvious conclusion we have reached about saucerers and people in general: People are seldom as rude to each other in person as they are by phone, by letter, or in other forms of written communication. For instance Budd Hopkins, who once threatened to see that your editor never published anything anywhere, ever again, was most cordial when we met him for the first time, at the convention.

Our congratulations to Walt Andrus, under whose semi-inspirational leadership MUFON has grown and prospered for lo these 20 years. Walt really isn't a bad guy at all, now that we are getting to know him. And if anything truly unusual comes lurching out of the marshes around Key West - be it Swamp Skunk, UFO pilot, or man-eating humanoid, we will certainly fill out a report form (if still alive) and send it up to Don Ware, our esteemed Florida State Director, and then on to Walt in Seguin, Texas. Amen!

Incidentally, Moore now says that his group of informants is called "The Aviary". He insists that Richard Doty is not "Falcon" but "Sparrow". We intend to ask him if we can join up, under the code name "BUZZARD". How about it, Bill?

For more details on the Con., write to MUFON directly for a transcript. Lear & associates won't be in it, nor Moore, but you can find out what all the other speakers said. Write to: Utter Madness, % Andrus; 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Tx. 78155.

And, if you still have any extra money left after that, don't forget that we are still peddling back issues of this glorious zine at one dollar each. Love Offerings welcome. Hate Offerings equally welcome, in U. S. currency. No ticking clocks or smoking guns, please!

Finally, let us tell you that our friend Tim Beckley has put a great amount of effort into our 1989 NUFON convention in Phoenix (See Page Eight). You may or may not be enlightened, but you definitely won't be bored!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze, Florida, writes:

"FOR THE RECORD, about my record: When I was 19 years old (23 years ago), I was involved with three (also teenaged) friends. We went joyriding in four cars over several months. Of course this is called 'car theft'. I also passed a \$350.00 bad check. I was arrested and foolishly refused to tell the names of the others involved. The car theft charges were dropped (all the cars were returned), but the judge expected me to tell the names of my 'friends'. I pled guilty to the check charge, and served 2½ years.

"A few critics who have failed to explain away the Gulf Breeze photos and all the dozens of witnesses have now chosen to judge and label me because of this very embarrassing teenage incident, and have quickly pointed out to any and all who would listen that I have a record. I have not tried to hide the fact, and indeed disclosed the details to the MUFON investigation team as early as March 1988.

"The effects of this teenage incident, 23 years ago, have been a powerful lesson in my adult life, that motivates me today to spend much of my time and money on local youth activities. Sometimes egos seem to be more involved in a UFO investigation than should be; but I still support skeptical inquiry, believe in the truth, and expect that even the most unreasonable critic will someday accept that something very strange is in our sky."

DR. WILLY SMITH writes:

"....As for friend 'Ed-of-Gulf-Breeze', he should be planning his new strategy, now that the anomalous image photos are 'out of the bag'. He talks about my mysterious and presumably nefarious 'motives'. Too bad he is not more specific, as I am not aware of any, except to discover the truth. But we all know now the reason for his charade: money!"

Long-time researcher & UFO writer GEORGE EARLEY writes as follows:

"Don't tantalize your readers; tell 'em the facts about Mr. Ed and his book deal. According to a recent item in the trade magazine 'Publisher's Weekly', William Morrow Co. (they published Strieber's two books) has paid Edward and Francis Walters a \$200,000 advance for a book to be titled: 'UFO - Proof Positive: A True Story of the Gulf Breeze Sightings'. The same news item also reported that \$100,000 has been paid against a total sales price of \$450,000 for a Gulf Breeze mini-series. I'll bet Phil Klass is green with envy!

"....Future 'Smears' and personal letters should be sent to our new address: 8820 Dog River Road, Mount Hood, Oregon 97041...."

DR. BRUCE MACCABEE writes:

"Dear Mr. Hallucination, Ancient:

"Glad to see that you read most of my large paper and that you were not offended by any references to yourself....

"After reading your argument that UFOs better not exist because we would all be in deep do-do if they do (do), or words to that effect, I suspect that you are a believer after all. Perhaps I should address you as Believer Jim (BJ). It matters not what you believe, as long as you believe in something.

"....One could argue for a long time about this, but it all comes down to what one means by 'extraordinary claims demand extraordinary proof'. You are suggesting the claim that Ed's photos show True UFOs is extraordin-

ary. This is true. On the other hand, the suggestion that the whole Gulf Breeze Affair is a hoax is also extraordinary. That claim means that one should be able to show that Ed is a hoaxer, along with his family and a friend, and that other witnesses who say they saw the same thing are also hoaxers or are deluded. In short, to claim that the Gulf Breeze sightings are a fake, a delusion, etc., is itself extraordinary and demands extraordinary proof. I have taken the only possible scientific approach to this problem. I have assumed that the sightings were a hoax (and misidentifications, etc.) and have tried to prove it and failed. I doubt that anyone else, including Willy Smith, will be able to prove this...."

NOELLE FOJUT, a hard-core non-subscriber, writes:

"I greatly enjoyed your interview with Gene Steinberg in 'Caveat Emptor'. You do inject a voice of sanity! Also, I learned more straightforward stuff on Gulf Breeze in your 'I Go See Mr. Ed' article than in all the MUFON Journal reports put together!..."

The notorious TODD ZECHEL, back into ufology from the shadows of yesteryear, writes:

"My Dearest James:

"Boy, you're either slipping or mellowing with old age. Your 'Smear' (Vol. 36, No. 5) arrived and out of curiosity I actually read it word for word. To my surprise, you didn't Smear me, and there were some things worth reading - almost newsworthy..."

This coming from Zechel is a rave review. Strangely, Zechel is anti-MJ-12 and also anti-Roswell-Incident, as is Klass, though the two intensely dislike each other and are not likely to ever work together. - Editor.

The inevitable ERIK BECKJORD writes:

"This is a letter of Truce, and I hope by it we can heal some old wounds and go on for the betterment of ufology. Do remember that I am the one who gave you the name 'Saucer Smear', back when you had a new never-remembered name each issue; and this stabilized and funny name has increased respect and remembrance of your zine. I do note that you tend to give voice to a variety of viewpoints, even to those that you hate, and in this you are more honest than many so-called pro-ufologists or cryptozoologists. Persons like Andrus and Clark tend to print stuff from people they like and to not print stuff from others they don't, no matter how good the ideas or the report is.

"You are more open and honest than they are. This makes you a good guy, worthy of respect and honor. You also expose hoaxes and keep the field 'clean'. Together we chased 'Dr.' W. F. McIntyre out of ufology, out of Maryland, and out of his marriage!..."



The semi-legendary JOHN KEEL writes as follows:

"...It never ceases to amaze me that ufology never grows, but, instead, is cyclic, with the same schizophrenic delusions reappearing and dominating the field every 8-10 years. Too bad Gray Barker and Ray Palmer are no longer here to take advantage of all the ICs (Incurably Gullibles) and add froth to the troubled waters of ufology.

"I enclose a piece I published in 1969 - twenty long years ago. Note how nothing has changed. My criticisms then are still valid. I will send a copy of this lengthy opus to anyone who sends a dollar bill to my top-secret address, which is P.O. Box 20024; New York, N.Y. 10025...."

STANTON FRIEDMAN has this to say, among many other things:

"...Regarding Menzel, it should first be noted that I spoke admiringly of him in my IUR article 'The Secret Life of Donald H. Menzel'. I did not insult him for his participation in MJ-12, if he did. Secondly, there is clear proof of his double life in the form of his own statements in letters to President Kennedy and his own writing in his unpublished autobiography that he did very extensive classified work for intelligence agencies for decades, including the National Security Agency and the CIA. Mrs. Menzel told me, and, I understand, you as well, that he did not talk to her about his classified work. There are hundreds of pages of testimony in the 1950 Loyalty Hearing that amply demonstrate his persistent discretion about classified matters. I stated explicitly that I had no smoking gun. I did prove he had the right security clearances and the right connections and the right discretion to have been a member of MJ-12, much to my surprise. I have yet to find any other public disclosure of Menzel's close post-war connections with intelligence agencies, despite C.D. Allan's claim that they were well known...."

Non-subscriber BILL HOWARD writes:

"...It's too bad Stan Friedman has become obsessed with MJ-12. It smells like last week's fish catch, a red herring, or even a misinformation operation..."

JERRY CLARK of CUFOS writes as follows:

"...I agree that it is extremely unlikely, considering the bizarre degrees to which Menzel went in his anti-UFO obsession, that he was anything other than sincerely deluded. I suppose I could be wrong, but so far I see not a smattering of evidence to support the notion that Menzel knew the Ultimate Secret. Far more likely, he made an ass of himself to satisfy not the dictates of secrecy but the dictates of his own considerable ego..."

"Although I agree it was foolish of Stan Friedman to threaten to sue Mrs. Menzel, I have never seen or heard anything that causes me to doubt his integrity or his commitment to the truth, whatever it be. Nor have I ever found evidence that he is, as you charge, gullible. To the contrary, he is one of the few ufologists willing to do the difficult job of fully investigating contentious claims, such as the MJ-12 documents, instead of contenting himself with grand pronouncements from the sidelines.

"I do think, however, that to prevent further misunderstanding Stan should state explicitly and publicly that he is investigating the document, not trying to prove its authenticity - two entirely different questions, obviously..."

RICHARD HEIDEN, Assistant Editor of the defunct APRO Bulletin, writes:

"...Please stick to the gossip and innuendo about UFO personalities. 'Saucer Smear' isn't as interesting as it used to be, since you started devoting so much space to actual UFO reports (viz., Gulf Breeze)...."

CHARLES WILHELM of OUFOIL fame writes as follows:

"...Friedman claims he has overwhelming proof that the MJ-12 documents are real. Where is it?... Most ufologists don't know what real proof is! We don't even have real proof that we've been visited by intelligent life forms from another planet!..."

"Glad to hear you are thinking of holding the annual NUFOC convention in Cleveland again next year. You have my vote, and Ron Schaffner's. Let us know. Maybe we can put together some of our new material for you."

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO ALL MEDIA:

Chairman: James W. Moseley

**NATIONAL UFO & NEW AGE CONFERENCE
TO BE HELD IN PHOENIX**

Noted New York-based author and publisher Timothy Green Beckley, who is president of the New Age publishing firm of Inner Light Publications, has announced that Phoenix has been selected as the site of the 26th Annual UFO & New Age Conference. The three day program will consist of over 20 lectures and a variety of workshops, and will run from 10 A.M. at the Quality Inn West (2420 W. Thomas Road) on September 15, 16 and 17. The program is being co-sponsored by Beckley and area resident Jim Speiser, founder of Para-Net a computer bulletin board that specializes in UFOs, aliens and other related phenomena.

Among those experts slated to appear will be the following authorities:

- * DIANE TESSMAN, author of the best selling THE TRANSFORMATION - CHANNELING FROM TIBUS and head of the Starlight Center in San Diego. "Psychic Revelations From My Space Alien Friends."
- * WESLEY BATEMAN, contactee, has telepathically called UFOs to appear before multiple witnesses. "UFOs, the Space Brothers, and the Earthquake Connection."
- * PATRICIA ROCHELLE DIEGEL, psychic, past life and karmic reader from Sedona. "The Starseed Connection - Could You Be A Walk-In From Another Planet?"
- * DR.FRANK STRANGES, president National Investigations Committee on UFOs, author of STRANGER AT THE PENTAGON, and producer of various New Age movies and TV specials. "How I Encountered A Being From Space Inside The Pentagon."
- * ROBERT SHORT, channel and contactee from Joshua Tree. "My Encounters With UFO Occupants."
- * JOSHUA SHAPIRO, noted New Age networker. "Mysteries of the Crystal Skull."
- * ALFRED BIELEK, local resident who says he was involved in a top-secret government invisibility project known as the "Philadelphia Experiment."
- * VICKIE COOPER & SHERRY STARK, editors of UFO MAGAZINE. "The Media Coverage of the UFO Movement."
- * BRAD & SHERRY STEIGER, authors and researchers. [THE FELLOWSHIP, THE UFO ABDUCTORS, AQUARIAN REVELATIONS] "4,000 Years of UFO Research — Humankind's Interaction With the 'Other.'" Brad and Sherry will be the keynote speakers at the Saturday night banquet.

Other speakers will be announced and the event is open to the public as well as the Phoenix New Age community. Tickets are available at Jan Ross Book Store or can be purchased through the mail. A pass to all lectures is \$50, with the workshops being additional. Individual session tickets will be available on the day of the event for those not wishing to attend the entire conference. The Saturday night banquet will cost \$20.00. Address orders and inquiries to National UFO & New Age Conference, Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. The local number to call is (602) 951-3431.

Does doc need more space?

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Dr. Scott Corder is convinced that extraterrestrials cruise the galaxies in spaceships. Corder, 38, a family practitioner in Ottawa, Kan., believes that many of these space creatures are actually angels.

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts suspended Corder's license last month and ordered him to see a psychiatrist before it will consider reinstating his license.

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4. Bad or no research
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- Direct apprehension of truth