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FORTY YEARS IN UFOOLOGY!

MOSELEY BECOMES A SELF-APPOINTED "ELDER STATESMAN"!

Never one to be burdened by false modesty, your editor joyfully reminds you that the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (S.A.U.C.E.R.S.), of which he is president, was founded back in July of 1954. At that time our official publication was called "Nexus", and your editor then worked with co-founders August C. Roberts and the late Dominick Lucchesi.

Unfortunately, S.A.U.C.E.R.S. is and always has been a somewhat mythical organization, as your editor has long been the only active member. Nevertheless, S.A.U.C.E.R.S. is now unquestionably the oldest UFO research group in the United States, and possibly the world. (There may also be older groups on other planets, but we have no way of knowing for sure.)

In 1955 the name "Nexus" was changed to SAUCER NEWS, and we continued publishing a large quarterly zine under that title until 1968, when the magazine was sold to the late Gray Barker. For a brief time around 1967, circulation peaked out at close to 10,000!

Barker continued SAUCER NEWS on his own only until 1970. At that time SAUCER NEWS died, but S.A.U.C.E.R.S. did not. Your editor, far from being "hushed up", continued lecturing on UFOs to colleges all around the country (till pushed off the circuit by Stanton Friedman), and engaged in other ufological activities.

Then, in 1976, we wanted to make a "comeback", but in our own unique way, which is to write mainly to please ourselves. We decided to publish a small newsletter that would ignore sightings almost entirely and concentrate on gossip & opinions within the UFO field, letting the chips fall where they may. We also decided to make the newsletter free to all, but available only to seriously interested parties. This was in order to avoid bookkeeping and for several other reasons.

Starting out under the name SAUCER NEWS in February of 1976, the newsletter changed titles with almost every issue for the first few years, gradually evolving to the 8-page format it now has. In July of 1981, following a suggestion by Erik Beckjord, we decided on "Saucer Smear" as the permanent title, as it best expresses our rather sarcastic approach to the whole subject.

During these forty years we have had a lot of fun. We have been threatened with lawsuits several times, most recently by the Amazing Randi, but we have never been sued (yet). In the early days, we engaged in a few hoaxes with the late Gray Barker, most notably the notorious "Straith Letter" sent to George Adamski in 1957. We have gone off on a few regrettable tangents, and we have embraced a long series of different ufological theories - including the "Earth Theory", the interplanetary theory, the (related) little-men-from-Mars theory, and finally the 4-D theory - which we facetiously modified in 1976 to something called the $3\frac{1}{2}$ -D Theory - a compromise, you see, between 3-D and 4-D.

Amid all the fun, we do have a serious purpose which many people miss. It is to make people think in new ways, and to question their unproven assumptions, whatever they may be. We have, in turn, attacked Believers and Debunkers alike. In recent years we have come up with a number of "exclusives", notably our story on the incarceration of Col. Wendelle Stevens (which everyone knew about but no one else dared to print), our recent series on James Randi, and our series awhile back on Dr. Donald Menzel - showing, to our own satisfaction at least, that he could not possibly have been a member of the supposed MJ-12 group.

Are we unbiased? Hardly! But by continually publishing letters which oppose our views, and which oppose each other, we have created a forum which is not found elsewhere. We have entertained, and occasionally even enlightened.

Over the years we have seen the "middle" of ufological belief shift ever further into left field. Stories that would have been considered too far out for belief by ufologically conservative minds, are now accepted routinely by most of the leaders in the field. Anything goes, no matter how absurd and unlikely. We comment on all this, sometimes with laughter, sometimes with anger, and occasionally even with sorrow.

You may have noticed that we do not go to the supermarket tabloids for material, as it would be a "cheap shot", i.e., few ufologists take this stuff seriously anyhow, knowing it is largely made up or grossly exaggerated simply for the sake of entertainment. After all, space people never sue! Another limitation is that we do not try to cover the overseas scene at all, as there is just too much of it. We try to stick mainly to the activities and opinions of the current crop of ufological leaders in the U.S. at any given time.

Just now, as this issue goes to press, we are distressed to find that UFO guru Jerry Clark, whom we greatly admire as ufology's leading historian, is engaged in a series of highly emotional, non-productive feuds with a number of people, including CSICOP members Phil Klass and Dr. Gary Posner, plus Dr. Willy Smith, George Hansen, and probably others. The tirades back and forth are contained in semi-private "pass-arounds", which are neither publications nor private letters. How professionally-trained people can spend so much time and energy in such childish endeavors is a mystery we cannot solve. At this point we are not stating who is right or wrong; in fact, the issues are so complex that we fear we might bore our readers to tears by trying to explain them in detail. We are simply stating that a number of leaders of ufology, including some of the above-mentioned gentlemen as well as many others, are behaving so irrationally that even "Smear" finds their points of view on these specific issues unworthy of comment!

This is not to say we don't appreciate being on the "pass-around" lists. It's just that we try to keep what we print in this magazine on a reasonably high plane. (Pause for laughter.)

Finally, what Great Truths have we actually learned after all these years, you might ask? The answer is: none. Our current view is that UFOs are just one of a vast spectrum of so-called Fortean events which seem unsolvable, but which should convince us that this Universe is a much more complex place than most people have ever imagined. One reason ufologists will probably never solve the UFO mystery is because it is interrelated with

HOAX SCOREBOARD

This table summarizing the most famous hoaxes in recent times is offered without comments to the ufological community as a public service by the UNICAT Project.

Dr. Willy Smith
UNICAT Project
November 15, 1992

KNOWN AS	PERPETRATOR	SPONSORS	MOTIVATION	OUTCOME
MAJESTIC 12	unknown	Bill Moore Jerry Clark	fame money	forged documents
GULF BREEZE	Ed Walters et ux	Dr. Maccabee Walt Andrus Jerry Clark Budd Hopkins	money secret agenda	fake photos
PLAINS OF S. AGUSTIN	Gerald Anderson	Stan Friedman	fame money	false evidence
MANHATTAN TRANSFER	Linda Napolitano	Budd Hopkins Jerry Clark Walt Andrus	money fame	?

Note: "Smear" presents the above chart not for its pretense at accuracy but purely because of its entertainment value. (For Mature Adults Only!)

the most fundamental mysteries of human life - Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where, if anywhere, do we go next? These questions can be answered through religious faith but seem to be well beyond present-day science. Possibly UFOs come from other planets; but it is much more likely that they are a permanent part of the Earth's environment - whatever that means. Even the so-called "Government Cover-Up" has never been properly documented as to its extent and purpose, or even to its existence.

In closing, let us call your attention to a wonderful article in the Christmas issue of Time Magazine, called "What Does Science Tell Us About God?" A leading contemporary biologist is quoted as having said, somewhat facetiously, "There's one theory of the universe that I rather like. Suppose our planet is a 'zoo for extraterrestrial beings'. They planted the seeds of evolution on earth, hoping to create interesting, intelligent creatures. And they watch their experiment, interfering hardly at all, so that almost everything we do comes out according to the laws of nature. But every now and then they see something that doesn't look quite right. For example, they see that this zoo is going to kill itself off if they let mankind do this or that. So they insert a finger and change some little thing. And maybe these are the miracles which religious people like to emphasize."

Let us then carry on in ufology seriously, but not too seriously!
Grope for Truth!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

Hal Starr, former MUFON Director for the state of Arizona, has retired to Mexico and is in poor health, unfortunately. Starr, a long-time friend of ours, was instrumental in persuading the MUFON hierarchy to allow your editor to join that esteemed organization several years ago, whereas up until that time we had been repeatedly denied membership, on doctrinal grounds. From those dark days we have now proceeded up the ranks to our present position in the hierarchy, namely Assistant State Section Director for Monroe County, Florida. We will always be grateful to Hal Starr for having given us this chance to succeed.

Starr has long been one of the nine members of the governing board of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC), of which your editor is Permanent Chairman. Due to his retirement from ufology, Starr has now been replaced

by Ed Komarek, an up-and-coming farce in the UFO field. In addition to Moseley and Komarek, the governing board now consists of Rick Hilberg, Al Manak, Tim Beckley, Pat Marcattilio, Bill Moore, Antonio Huneeus, and Tom Benson. Marcattilio will be holding the annual NUFOC convention near Trenton, N.J. later this year....

A strong rumor has it that Budd Hopkins now claims that Dan, one of the two alleged government agents who kidnapped Linda Napolitano of abduction fame, has met an "untimely death". We have no details.

While on the subject of Hopkins, we want to tell you that we have obtained a copy of a letter written last June 26th by Richard Boylan, a licensed psychologist in Sacramento, California, to Robert Bigelow, a Las Vegas businessman who often bankrolls UFO projects. Says Boylan: "Budd Hopkins and David Jacobs have been identified....as starting to provide therapists' workshops....on the East Coast, (and) I feel you should be aware that neither of these men is a licensed psychotherapist nor professionally trained in psychotherapy and psychology. As such, these workshops are likely to be identified as provided by unqualified persons. Furthermore, professional organizations, such as the American Psychological Association, will have no choice but to denounce these workshops as performed by untrained, unlicensed persons unqualified to provide specialized continuing education to professional psychologists. Furthermore, such workshop staffing will expose you (as sponsor) to liability in the event that therapists using Budd's 'techniques' affect patients who then sue their therapist and the providers and sponsors of unqualified workshops. This means you...."

The UFO abduction virus rages on! The front page of the New York Post of Nov. 22nd, 1992 reads: "East Side M.D: 'Aliens Kidnapped Me!' DAFFY DOC! But State Allows Him to Practice!"

The text of the story tells us that because of Dr. Stephen Kurzweil's weird beliefs, there was an unsuccessful attempt to lift his license. Interestingly, Budd Hopkins, described by the Post as a "professional UFO chaser", was one of the people who testified against Kurzweil at the hearing, to no avail. Apparently Hopkins, who also lives in New York City, has been feuding with Kurzweil for quite some time.

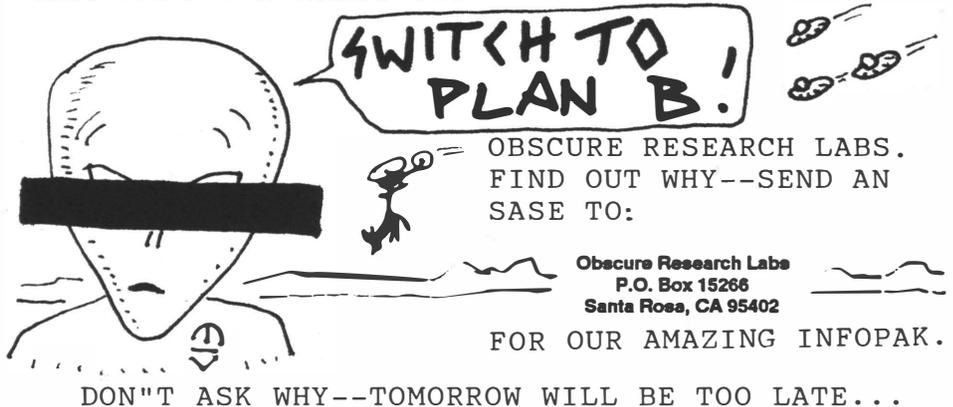
In a Post interview, Kurzweil, who is Jewish, denied that he has ever seen aliens, but said he does believe that the Nazis were in contact with a group of aliens that gave them technology, and that this group has made a deal with the U.S. government in which its citizens could be abducted in exchange for technological benefits.

In other words, Kurzweil seems to be no more "daffy" than many other ufologists!....

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

TREAT V, the 5th annual conference on Treatment and Research of Experienced Anomalous Trauma, will take place March 18th-21st in Santa Fe, N.M., with Dr. Rima Laibow as "Chair" and Dr. John Alexander as "Program Chair". Incidentally, Alexander is the same gentleman strongly rumored to be engaged to ufologist Victoria Lacas of New York. We understand that TREAT V is

WHAT MADE O.H.KRLLL SAY -



**Iraqi Kurds launch
final offensive
against Iraqi Kurds**

open to the public, but at rather hefty fees. For further info., write to Dr. Laibow at: P.O. Box 728, Ardsley, N.Y. 10502....As we have mentioned before, there is a professionally-produced zine of recent origin called "UFO Encounters", available from Aztec Publishing, P.O. Box 1142, Norcross, Ga. 30091....And WOULD YOU BELIEVE that Armand Laprade is going downhill fast in regard to subscriptions to his magazine named at the beginning of this sentence? Send greenbacks and gold to: HC 80, Box 156, Marshall, Ar. 72650....And, there's a new book out called "UFOs in the New York Times, 1947-1987", a 120-page effort, available for a mere \$20 from: Document Research Services, P.O. Box 10011, Berkeley, Ca. 94709....Another much stranger offering is "Arktos: The Polar Myth in Science, Symbolism, and Nazi Survival", by Joscelyn Godwin. This appears to be a serious, scholarly work; but no, we really haven't read this one, either. It is available from our olde Fortean pal Dave Fideler at Phanes Press, P.O. Box 6114, Grand Rapids, Mi. 49516. Price, including postage, is \$20.

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

ROBERT ANTON WILSON delights us with:

"I don't understand Jerry Clark's answer to George Hansen, or maybe I just don't understand your paraphrase/explanation of Clark's answer, in the matter of the alleged crimes against Linda Napolitano.

"As I get it, Clark (and Hopkins, Mack, Jacobs and Andrus) allege that they have seen or heard or smelled or somehow examined evidence relevant to the alleged crimes and with the objectivity of ideal jurors suffering from ideal insomnias have determined that the crimes actually occurred. Hansen asks why they do not report this grave and serious matter to law enforcement officials. (After all, failing to report a crime is itself a crime.) Clark replies in terms I am too stupid to understand; but you helpfully paraphrase Clark's reply as meaning that to report the crimes would merely provoke two further crimes. (At least, that's what I think you mean by 'silencing' the agents who allegedly kidnapped and assaulted Napolitano.)

"Now, due to our system of checks and balances, we have numerous law enforcement agencies with authority to investigate each other; and we may soon even have a Special Prosecutor to investigate the Special Prosecutor. If I understand your explanation of Clark's explanation, one dare not report certain crimes to any agency - city, state or federal, in or out of the Justice Department hierarchy, or any Special Prosecutors investigating any or all of them - because this will merely lead the Conspiracy to kill more people to cover up past crimes.

"Well, Christ, if this is true, if the Conspiracy has infiltrated every office of every branch of our government, why do Clark and his buddies not take their evidence to the New York Times, like Detective Serpico did in the matter of police corruption in New York City, or to the Washington Post, as 'Deep Throat' did in the Watergate matter?

"Or, if even the press is now part of the Monstro-Conspiracy by now, why haven't Clark and Co. obtained new I.D., fled to a foreign country and continued publishing from there? To stay here, under the slavering jaws of a conspiracy so monstrous and so nearly omnipotent, they must be very, very brave or very, very stupid.

"Maybe a reasonable answer to this challenge (and Hansen's) will be forthcoming, and I am just too dumb to imagine it. I eagerly look forward to enlightenment."

Long-time researcher CURT SUTHERLY writes:

"....If the (Linda Napolitano) story is bogus, as it certainly would seem to be, any serious police investigation would immediately reveal it as such, and that revelation would make a few 'true believers' look very bad."

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The Washington Post

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1992

Researcher GREG LONG writes:

"I want to compliment you on your fine job of exposing the shoddy work of one Budd Hopkins. The (abduction) case he is now involved in is not only ridiculous but it's uninteresting. It has no significant dramatic content, let alone scientific value. We will NEVER know the name of the high-placed government official, namely because there never was one. Even if there was, do you really expect me to believe that Perez de Cuelhar (or however you spell his name) would ever publicly speak of what he saw? But naturally such a situation, if it existed, and it doesn't, would mean Perez would be publicly maligned and considered a kook if he told 'what he knew'. Since he cannot, this only 'supports' Hopkins' contention of the Big Coverup - that the government is 'hiding the truth'. The two bozo 'cops' in the case are lunatics, as has been proven by the letter (which you printed). This case is the most dull, idiotic, and empty piece of claptrap I have heard in years. Once again, there are no films, no photos, no physical evidence of any kind...."

And, K. RYAN writes as follows:

"...In your 'Brief Outbursts' column you cite 'Pursuit' Magazine as the 'slick, semi-scientific magazine of the Fortean Society'. Unless we live on different planets, the 'Pursuit' I have known from the beginning is printed on uncoated paper, and is an indy-scientific journal of SITU (Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained). Bob Warth sounded cheerful when he last wrote me this past summer. Maybe you know something I don't..."

Editor's Note: Jerry Clark would be pleased to see us admit that we "erred badly" in not correctly naming SITU. Warth is cheerful, but still no "Pursuit"!

Caribbean islands drift to left

The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer 7/26/76

Ethicists Condemn Journalistic Fraud

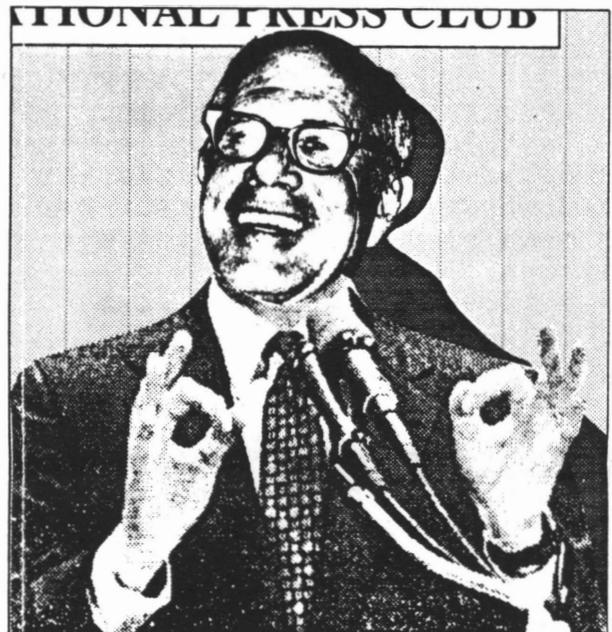
Study Finds Most Editors Are Full of Crap

By I. Fleecem
Washington Post Staff Writer

BOSTON, June 21 — A board of university ethicists branded American journalism as a corrupt enterprise as practiced today. Although newspapers, television news and magazines are frequently criticized, the ethics panel found that the highest degree of "fact fraud" is found in America's high growth newsletter industry.

Said professor Willard McEntyre of Southwestern University, "Newsletters are fraught with lies and managed by people devoid of scruples. Most of newsletter editors represent themselves as genuine experts in their specialty field. But many of them are completely and utterly full of crap!" Newsletter editors are boils on the ass of journalism."

See BOILS ON THE ASS, A6.



In response to reporters' inquiries, James Moseley discusses the credibility level of his UFO-oriented publication, Saucer Smear.

Rubbish officials plead guilty

Our olde pal CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes from beyond the Pond:

"Re Roswell: There is good reason for seriously doubting the value of Major Jesse Marcel's testimony. Remember that he is regarded as the chief first-hand witness, now deceased.

"In IUR 14/6 (reprinted in 'The Roswell Report') Kevin Randle & Don Schmitt refer to Marcel's 'devastating testimony' and give a 1980 quote from him: 'It was not anything from this earth. That I'm quite sure of.'

"When Len Stringfield gave his July '78 MUFON crash/retrievals paper, he never mentioned Marcel or the Roswell case. He lists it as abstract 18 in his Jan. 1980 brochure but no such case appears in his 1978 paper, despite the fact that he interviewed Marcel by phone on April 7th, 1978 (a few weeks after Stan Friedman first did). Marcel could recall no names or dates and, obviously, Stringfield did not consider Marcel's 1978 testimony important enough to merit inclusion. Yet by early 1980 he did. Why?

"The most likely reason is that during 1979, when Moore finally located the newspaper reports and he & Friedman interviewed him several times, Marcel had his memory 'refreshed' and planted with a lot of crashed saucer lore.

"If the incident was as important to Marcel as Roswell proponents claim, how come he never kept the press reports anyway? If you had such a momentous experience, wouldn't you?

"I wonder now if Marcel had remembered anything about the strength of the material or the supposed 'alien' writing thereon until he was shown the press reports.

"Yet Randle & Schmitt insist in their book (p. 204) that 'Marcel knew the moment they saw the debris field that the crash was of something not manufactured on earth'.

"Strange that he forgot this in 1978 but had 'remembered' it by 1980"

MICHAEL DOBBS writes as follows:

"I read with joy in the June 15th issue of 'Smear' that Bill Moore's Fair Witness Project 'should be fully operational again by mid June'. Has Bill started publishing Focus again? If so, I sure have not gotten any copies. I do know he has recently spoken at a UFO conference in England. Although it is hard to know exactly what is going on with Bill and his government relationships, I think his research and perspective do add value to the field of UFO research. I think that it is high time that Bill Moore get off his nest and get focused on making good on subscriptions to his overdue publication. Do you have a current address for the Fair Witness Project?"

Moore's mailing address remains: 4219 W. Olive Ave., #247, Burbank, Ca. 91505. Bill's friend & co-worker Jaime Shandera assures us that everything is fine, but like "Pursuit", "Focus" fails to appear. - Editor.

CAROL SALISBERRY, wife of REX SALISBERRY of Gulf Breeze fame, writes:

"It may be your opinion that Ed Walters didn't hurt anyone when MUFON gave him carte blanche with his hoax, but it is a fact that he did hurt people. Was it necessary for him to slander Nick Mock when Nick told the MUFIA investigators about Ed? Ed made life miserable for the kids and their parents at the time of the initial coverage. There were several young people besides Nick who suffered the 'other side' of Mr. Ed's personality.

"Was it necessary for



Alien Method for inducing amnesia after an abduction.

Over the years, John Keel has carved an odd niche for himself as a UFO expert who doesn't believe in UFOs.

Ed to slander Tommy Smith and his parents? I was present when Francis and Ed lied about Tommy and Tommy's dad. The Smiths are still hurt, and so are the other parents who got jerked around by Ed and MUFON.

"I think Ed probably also hurt his son very much by forcing him to cover for the Big Lie and to turn his back on his former friends.

"Many of the young people I have spoken to who were connected to this mess hate to come

back to Gulf Breeze because of Ed. Believe me, people are still hurting here.

"Both MUFON and Ed are to blame for the unnecessary damage that was done to people's personal lives and emotions.

"There are two sides to Mr. Ed, as the kids would often tell me. You only saw one side...."

CSICOP enthusiast JIM OBERG writes:

"Something terse but insulting, for your zine, re STS-48:

"It's been humbling to realize that I've turned out to be totally incapable of illuminating all of the dark corners of what passes for E. Beckjord's brain. It's already so full of misconceptions and delusions, that nothing of the explanations I've offered have gotten through. So I give up. As I said long ago on another nutty space myth, anybody who falls for this one deserves all the mockery they get. Now I've seen the UFO explanation fade, the Star Wars explanation rise (and get blown to shreds), so what's next? 'angels', or Constablian plasmoid space critters, or flares from American POWs trapped in a WWII gulag camp, or chemoluminescent astronaut farts?

"The latest hoagwash from my old friend Richard Hoagland is more of the same goods he's been trying to peddle for more than a decade. Over the years his creative interpretation of outer space discoveries have been delightfully imaginative, wildly thought provoking, eloquently expressed, and consistently wrong. There were the underground oceans of Europa, the three planets beyond Pluto discovered by the Infra-Red Observatory, the 'blivit in the B-ring' (a leftover alien 'death star' zapping asteroids around Saturn), the cities on Mars, and recently the phony War-of-the-Worlds scare that Bush was going to stage to beat Clinton. His latest space theory gives new meaning to the term 'spacey', and lends a truly astronomical scale to the concept of 'WAY out in left field'.

"For my colleagues who have gotten frustrated in trying to rationally explain the video to irrational people, my advice: 'It's time to stop stomping on the flames, and instead go get the marshmallows'.

"P.S. I have prepared a six-page technical memo refuting the 'Star Wars' interpretation of the zig-zag dots on the STS-48 video. Anyone who's interested in a copy should send me a SASE along with descriptions of the hottest versions THEY have heard of the space mystery."

Oberg's address is: Route 2, Box 350, Dickinson, Texas 77539. - Editor.

And, GARY HEMPHILL writes as follows:

"...Thank you very much for the blow by blow description of the National UFO Conference. I like to think that thanks to you and 'Saucer Smear'; I am always on the cutting edge of modern ufology.

"I remember attending NUFOC in Cleveland two years ago. We did not have a firewalk there. I guess Cleveland must have more stringent fire laws than rural Georgia. Is firewalking something new in ufology? Is this behavior modification a result of alien abduction or is it a new method to avoid alien abduction?....I notice that the new Senator from Illinois has the same surname as the Commander. Will you exploit this family connection?"