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On Camera shortly before his death in 1985

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### M I S C E L L A N E O U S      R A V I N G S

Avid "Smear" readers will recall the lead story in our last issue, about a MUFON Journal account of a UFO landing on a North Dakota ranch. We stated that this was from the November Journal, but apparently it was really in the October Journal, since the latest issue - for November - has a follow-up on this sensational sighting. The second incident occurred about five months after the first.

Now we have the same young man involved in the shooting of a very tall alien who was attempting to steal a 400-pound pregnant sow from his family's corral. The youth's name is not given, for some reason, though he was named in the earlier article. He is Evan Briese, a 200-pound teenager whom we can assume could not be easily frightened.

Yet when he saw two entities going after this sow, he took a shot at one of them with a single-shot rifle. He then heard a loud screeching, squealing sound, as if he had hit the hog by mistake. Then one of the entities "floated toward the witness"; picked him up by his shirt, and then with one arm, threw him backwards about twenty feet. The two creatures disappeared right after that. Or, it may have been four or more creatures, as Evan later stated this differing version under hypnosis.

The sow was never found, nor was there any blood in the corral. The only evidence that the police found was Evan's torn shirt and some minor damage to the corral.

The creatures did not look at all like greys, by the way. They were seven to eight feet tall, dark skinned, skinny, and very strong indeed, as the 400-pound sow was at one point thrown about 12 feet, from one entity to another! No craft was seen, though in the incident five months earlier, a UFO actually landed on the ranch.

All of this kind of reminds us of John Bigelow's "haunted ranch" in Utah. For several years, bizarre paranormal activities of all sorts continued to occur in this remote area, though nothing was ever actually proven. What a strange world we live in!...

Also in the November MUFON Journal is a short, rather tacky article by famed naturalist Loren Coleman, entitled "Mothman Death Curse?" It seems that a young woman named Lisa McIntosh, who was associate producer on the recent Mothman movie, has just died of a very rare form of cancer. Coleman, an otherwise rational researcher, apparently believes this is part of the Curse. In 2004 he wrote an article about the Curse for England's "Fortean Times".

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Of course, the Curse continues with the recent heart surgery on Mothman's leading advocate, John Keel. (See his letter to the editor, further along in this issue.) Eventually Keel will die, as will we all. Is this too a part of the Curse? Bullshit!...

MUFON never ceases to amaze us. Now that we can read their "MUFON E-News", we observe that it is organized just as badly as "Filer's Files".

The October 14th edition contains about 25 sightings; but it is maddening to see recent items intermingled with long-ago items, in no particular order! The best story of all is undated, and entitled "Huge Craft Shot Down". Surely this would be extremely important if there were sufficient detail, and if it is true!

All we are told is that "twelve witnesses from two different locations reported seeing a craft the size of a football arena hovering near the southwest corner of the Fort Carson military base in Colorado. The craft appeared to be illuminated...After 15 to 20 minutes two helicopters came into the area from the north and approached the object. As they neared it, they stopped and backed off something like a thousand yards, and held their ground at that point. Then three missiles came up from the ground and landed in the belly of the craft. When the first missile hit, the witnesses could see the shell of the craft expand and contract as the insides blew up. The lights got dim and the craft fell to the ground."

This story, if authentic, could be one of the most important UFO events of all time! But we have no date, no details, no follow-up, etc. The source is given as "MUFON CMS", whatever that means...

Here's a headline we've all been waiting to see: "Whistleblower Dies in Suspicious Circumstances on Stage at a UFO Conference". Luckily, your editor has never been a whistleblower - just a humble purveyor of ufological gossip.

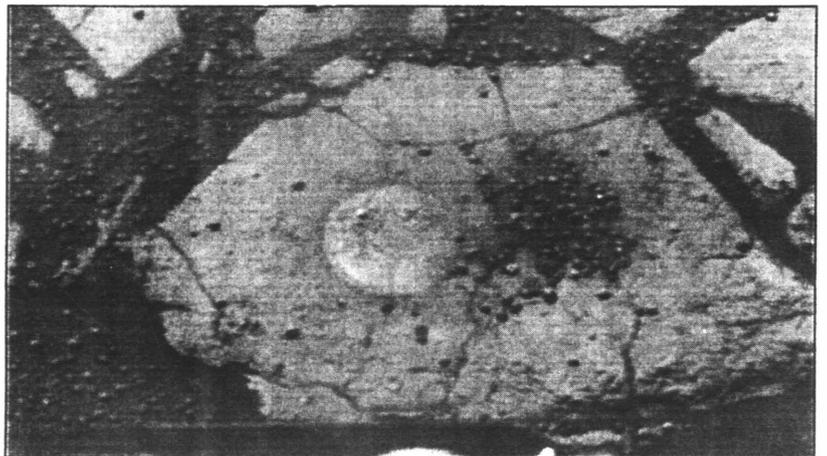
On October 7th, at a conference in Blackpool, England, a "former U.S. government official" named Dean Warwick was giving the last speech of the afternoon when he collapsed unconscious on the floor. The crowd was stunned, and mass confusion ensued. He had stopped breathing and an ambulance was called, but Dean had died on stage!

Now for the strange part: When Dean Warwick collapsed on the floor, a woman witnessed a man with dark hair slip out of the hall. For some reason she followed this person, who proceeded to walk down the stairs whistling merrily to himself. He was then seen laughing into a phone to whoever he was speaking to. According to the author of this Net article, this proves that the incident was an Intelligence agency "hit", using an E.L.F. (Extremely Low Frequency) weapon. The technology has supposedly been perfected on the 4th level of the CIA underground facility at Dulce, New Mexico.

Included in this article is an interview Warwick had with someone named Dave Starbuck two weeks before his untimely death. The interview was in regard to missing children, military - extraterrestrial involvement and "the planned American holocaust". Supposedly Henry Kissinger has stated publicly that we need to reduce the population of the planet from seven billion to half a billion. Either this statement is true or else Dean Warwick is/was a madman - take your pick!...

Having debunked the famous "Face on Mars" in our last issue, we now come across another supposed Martian **artifact** that may show intelligent life existed there long ago.

On the Net we learn of something called "TMA-1 - The Martian Artifact". A scientist named Robert Morningstar studied photos made by the Mars Opportunity Rover in March of 2004. After nearly five months of study, Morningstar recognized an artificially created object, carved in relief in Martian stone in the Eagle Crater in the



A Sign of Intelligent Life on Mars Uncovered

region called Meridiani Planum.

"TMA-1" supposedly captures the topography of Mars in 3-dimensional relief, including an extremely accurate depiction of the Valles Marineri and other nearby regions, including also a region known as "The Eye of Mars".

NASA has tended to ridicule "TMA-1" but has not made any official statement about it. Morningstar believes there is a policy of not disclosing evidence of extraterrestrial life. Supposedly they fear panic, based on the famous Orson Welles "War of the Worlds" broadcast in 1938, which did indeed create panic. This does not sound like a valid excuse!

On the other hand, Morningstar may be on the wrong track altogether. His credentials are not given in the article. Hopefully he is not another Richard Hoagland!...

P.S: We have a separate Net item about a luminous "Sky Object" (= UFO) that shows up near the Moon in an Apollo 16 photo. Alas, the researcher is the same Robert Morningstar. Here he is listed as a "Civilian Intelligence Analyst", whatever that means...

The Net has had several updates on the Kinross AFB story that we printed on Page 5 of our Oct. 5th, 2006 issue. It seems that an outfit called the Great Lakes Dive Company claimed to have located and photographed a F-89 Scorpion fighter jet that disappeared in 1953 while chasing a UFO. Not only that, but the UFO itself was also there, on the bottom of Lake Superior, lying just 200 feet away from the disabled jet airplane. There was even a good chance that the bodies of the two deceased airmen were still in their plane.

Now, many months later, it seems more & more like the whole thing may be a hoax. The company's website has disappeared, and Adam Jimenez, the company spokesman, can no longer be reached. They may have been scared off by a group of UFO & paranormal enthusiasts who tried to form a partnership with them. And, Linda Moulton Howe has a small involvement in all this. We tend to lose faith in anything she gets into, but she is not the culprit this time. The fact is that reputable divers in the area have never heard of the Great Lakes Dive Company at all until this F-89 controversy arose. Furthermore, there are important technical reasons why the images may not be authentic. The whole matter is somewhat mysterious, and we will just have to wait awhile longer for the final outcome...

Famed former UFO researcher William Moore sent us this item awhile back. We decided to pass it up, but now it has reappeared on the Net, so perhaps it is an important story after all.

It seems that a key witness in a complex long-drawn-out civil suit is a man who claims to have had alien abduction experiences. Videos of his strange encounters will even be shown to the judge, in an effort to establish his credibility or lack thereof.

Of course the court case has nothing whatever to do with aliens. It concerns environmental charges against the owner of this country's largest land-based oil and gas producer.

The above-mentioned prosecution witness, named Gary Lowrey, states in his disposition that he, his wife and children have all suffered from mysterious needle pricks at night, sometimes in distinctive patterns. Lowrey secured footage of the unknown creatures with a hidden video camera in his bedroom. In one frame, you can supposedly see "his little eyes looking at you, and his horns, and the eyebrows". Egads! Obviously not a typical grey.

The judge is the same judge who presided at the recent Michael Jackson child molestation trial. The defense lawyer is Bela G. Lugosi, son of the actor best known years ago for playing Count Dracula in the movies!...

At the top of the letters section of this issue you will see a very interesting missive from arch-skeptic Robert Sheaffer, telling about serious criminal charges that have been brought against Jesse Marcel III. This is the grandson of the New Mexico rancher who, in July 1947, found the infamous wreckage from the Roswell Incident.

Marcel Jr. (father of Marcel III) was only about eleven years old when his father (Marcel Sr.) showed him some of the wreckage. Everyone agrees that there was a series of mysterious symbols. Professor Charles Moore explains them as having been on a strip of tape of known Earth origin. Marcel Jr., now a medical doctor, somehow remembers an I-beam with about 70 different symbols instead of the six that Moore remembers; and then very recently, Marcel III started selling a new version of this I-beam on the Net, with fewer but different symbols! All of this is explained more clearly in a letter from researcher Miller Johnson in our last issue.

Marcel III stopped selling his version after a complaint from Johnson, who construct-

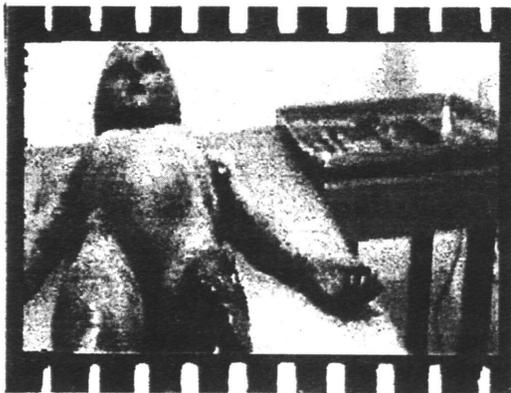
ed the earlier version of the I-beam replica from instructions given to him by Marcel Jr.

Now we learn that Marcel III is in a lot more trouble than he could ever get into by selling a "fake" I-beam replica. Why he bothered to make and sell this "fake" we do not know. He is not even a Roswell witness at all!

The important question in all this is whether or not the Roswell wreckage was extra-terrestrial in origin. The original six symbols, as remembered by Prof. Moore, were, almost surely, merely stylized flowers. How Marcel Sr. and Jr. missed this easy solution, we cannot say. Karl Pflock, who agrees with Prof. Moore's Mogul balloon explanation, discusses the I-beam controversy in his 2001 book "Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe"

## NEWS BRIEFIES

Debunker Robert Sheaffer is involved in another story. He has tried to make a Big Thing about an unfinished ufological project Karl Pflock was working on at the time of his recent death. Actually, it was merely a re-investigation of the Eetty & Barney Hill case, funded by former multi-millionaire Joe Firmage. The result is a book called "Encounter at Indian Head", which is about to come out from Anomalous Press. There are contributions by Karl Pflock, England's Peter Brooksmith (or Brook Smith??), and several other researchers. Pflock's widow finished his chapter for her late husband...



According to rumors being spread on the Net by "ufowatchdog.com" (remember them?) England's Ray Santilli of alien autopsy fame may soon be hit with a consumer fraud lawsuit. You may remember that Santilli eventually admitted that almost all of his 1994 film was a fake, but he said he had to "re-create" it, as the original film was largely destroyed by age, by the time he bought it. He still has not had the film properly tested, nor has he revealed the name of the American photographer who allegedly shot the footage at the time of the notorious 1947 Roswell Incident.

Santilli has responded to this negative publicity by denying he has indulged in any consumer fraud. Stay tuned!...

People keep saying that SETI's search for extraterrestrial life has been a failure. However, there have been at least one, and perhaps two or three, sensational anomalous results that have not been publicized.

The most impressive incident was on the night of Sept. 30th - Oct. 1st, 2002. This powerful and repeating burst of radio waves came from a point near the center of our galaxy. There were five radio bursts in one-meter wavelengths at 330 MegaHertz detected over a 7-hour period. They were equally spaced apart at 77 minute intervals and there were no detectable X-ray emissions. The source is a complete mystery.

The above is from "Earthfiles", posted by Linda Moulton Howe. Egads, we hope she didn't just make this up, but who knows?...

The British organization called Centre for Crop Circle Studies (C.C.C.S.) closed down late in 2005, after 15 years of study. Membership had dropped dramatically, but the main problem was the general realization that about 80% of crop circles, including all the more complex ones, are man-made. There was also strong disagreement as to whether the remaining 20% are natural, or made by extraterrestrial intelligence.

An amusing sidelight is that when Mexican ufologist Jaime Maussan was told that a recent "Mayan" crop circle was definitely a man-made fake, he absolutely refused to listen, and insisted on chartering a plane to fly over it! This ties in with our info in the last issue, about how Maussan supports the dead-alien-in-the-freezer-that-comes-back-to-life story!...

As mentioned in a previous issue, Erich Von Daniken's theme park in Switzerland is about to go bankrupt. "Mystery Park" exploits various world-wide mysteries Von Daniken has pushed in his various best-selling books such as "Chariots of the Gods". But unless

they come up with approximately three million U.S. dollars very soon, the Mystery Park owners will indeed need the ancient gods to save them! It is not clear whether Erich is a real partner in this venture or just a figurehead...

We have a story from "UFO Newsclipping Service" about the world's first and only Bigfoot trap. It was built in 1974 by a serious group called the North American Wildlife Research Team, who operated it for six years. It has fallen badly into disrepair since then. Volunteers are currently ready & willing to repair it.

Located deep in the woods of Oregon, the trap is a ten by ten foot wooden cage, with heavy expanded metal grate and telephone poles that anchor it to the ground. The ceiling, floor, and four sides are made of planks that are two inches thick and a foot wide. Yet, time has taken its toll.

The trap was designed to be triggered when an animal reached for a rotting deer carcass, which caused an electronic signal in a nearby "watchman's" cabin. A couple of bears were caught this way, but never a Bigfoot, unfortunately!

...UFOs can be dangerous to your health - even fake ones! A U.S. rock star named Tom Petty (whom we have never heard of) was greatly distracted by "enormous silver balls floating in the sky", while driving. Apparently other people were fooled too, as he saw other drivers pulled over to the side of the road, pointing. Just as he realized these objects were merely publicity balloons from a nearby store, he for some reason turned his car around, crashed into an oncoming car, and "nearly killed two people". Egads!...

The City of Roswell has taken over the planning for this year's 60th Anniversary celebration of the Roswell Incident. Till now, there had been much bickering between the City and the International UFO Museum, which has lost money on the last three annual festivals it has been in charge of. Jack Swickard, president of the Museum's Board of Directors, claims to be happy about this change, but we wonder what Museum director Julie Shuster thinks of it. She has often clashed with the City fathers and many others.

The Museum is currently trying to raise a whole lot of money in order to move to a nearby larger location. They have already moved once in recent years, and seem to us to have more than adequate space where they are now. They no longer send us their newsletter (if any), so we fall behind on the goings-on...

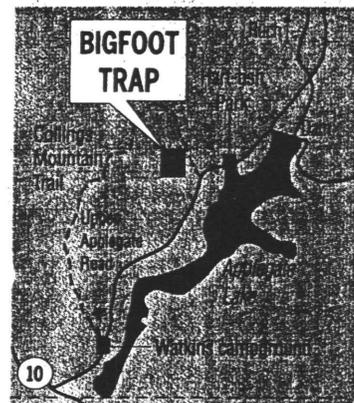
We've been reading ufological predictions since 1953, and hardly any of them ever come true. Now Brazilian researcher Jan Val Ellam has gotten into the act. He is described as a bestselling author who has been maintaining contact with representatives from Outer Space for the past twenty years. He takes detailed notes about this in a special notebook of some sort.

According to Ellam, he has been warned about earthlings' upcoming encounter with several alien races some time between Nov. 15th, 2006 and April, 2007. Ellam describes these beings as kindly aliens who are radically different from humans. Says he: "The contact will leave no doubt to anyone in the world that 'They' exist and are watching us. No government, no media, no scientific, religious or military organization will be able to deny it."

As it is already the end of December as of this writing, the prediction should come true very soon indeed, if ever!...

After four decades of bending spoons, halting clocks, reading minds and penning metaphysical thrillers, Uri Geller is seeking a paranormal protoge or heir - though he has no plans to retire. A Reality television show being produced in Israel, where Geller grew up, will feature ten contestants vying for the title of "heir" to the world-famous psychic. (And he has lots of money too!)

The Bigfoot trap is about 26 miles south of Medford. To reach it, take Highway 238 west to Ruch, then turn left on the Applegate Road to the Applegate Dam. Drive past the dam and the Hart-Tish Park entrance.



Stop several hundred feet past the park at the Collings Mountain Trailhead on the right. It's marked by a sign, with a footprint insignia on it.

After hiking about half a mile you will come to a fork in the trail at a dilapidated old shelter. The trap is about 200 feet up the trail on the left.

Geller, 59, declined to elaborate on what supernatural skills the contestants claim to have, or whether clairvoyants who might have an edge in predicting the judges' votes - are taking part. Geller describes the prize, simply, as "huge". Perhaps he will risk part of his own fortune on this show.

Says Geller: "This is not a show where people have to prove to me that they are genuine. I just want to be amazed."

Your "Smear" editor met Geller once, years ago, and still has an autographed bent spoon to prove it!...

Another strange show-biz item: The TV show "Wife Swap" is looking for a couple who have at least one child between the ages of 7 and 12. The whole family must be "obsessed" with finding out about UFOs, Area 51, conspiracy theories, secret military projects, alien abductions, ETs, the paranormal, etc. The winning family will be paid \$20,000 for their participation in the program. If you know (god help us!) a family like that, run (don't walk) to your nearest telephone and call 800-404-1422. You might get a \$1,000 "finder's fee". Wheee! (Thanks to Matt Graeber)...

Someone named Mike Menkin has invented an "experimental device to stop alien abduction". The device works to block alien telepathy and mind control. He calls it a "thought screen helmet". This immediately reminds us of, many years ago, New York City's colorful character who called himself The Mystic Barber. He had a similar device which he attached to the top of his head, with many strange wires protruding.

Menkin's contraption consists of a leather helmet lined with layers of special conductive plastic, the same material used to prevent static electricity damage to printed circuit boards. He admits the device is not proven, but "a shield for blocking alien telepathic control" is worth trying, he says.

Menkin is now experimenting with just one abductee, but would like to meet others. If interested, write to Mike Menkin at 9925 N.E. First St., #24; Bellevue, Wa. 98004....

Last October there was a plan to make Mexico's famous Teotihuacan pyramid, near Mexico City, a launch pad for an attempt to communicate with extraterrestrial life. Enthusiasts from around the world would have a chance to submit text, images, and sounds to be included in the message. These contributions would be digitalized and beamed with a laser into space.

At the last minute this whole "time capsule" project was canceled, after Mexican authorities decided that the experiment might cause damage to these ancient ruins. Yahoo, the sponsoring entity, did have a permit, but they were not allowed to use it. Yahoo is now looking for another launch site for the event but has (understandably) ruled out Mexico....

The dreaded organization called CSICOP (Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal) has decided to shorten its name to CSI (Committee for Skeptical Inquiry). This outfit is the publisher of "Skeptical Inquirer" magazine.

Your editor, though a skeptic of sorts, seldom agrees with CSICOP (= CSI). In brief, they use a sledgehammer to bash all ideas and data that do not fit in with their notions about existing science. They should properly be called "debunkers" rather than skeptics. Among their leading lights are James Randi and the late Phil Klass, both of whom we know well. (Randi broke off with them several years ago, for complex reasons.)...

Inevitably, the late abduction guru John Mack has "come through" from the Other Side, according to a website called The Montague Keen Foundation. The Foundation is dedicated to "Love, Truth & Simplicity", they say. As for Mack, he states "Now, with all the knowledge I have acquired from this side of the life (sic), I stand up and say categorically that I was right in all that I wrote..."

So - the poor man has learned nothing new! Pity!

TOLD YOU: The chef at a Zurich hotel, who lost a finger in a meat-slicer mishap, submitted a claim to his insurance company. It suspected

negligence, and sent an inspector to check the machine. When he turned it on, he too lost a finger. Claim approved. *Guardian, 19 June 2002.*

A 33-YEAR-OLD BELGIAN WOMAN WAS ON HER WAY home from a bar in the town of Pulle late at night when she took a short cut through a cemetery. Urgently needing a pee, she crouched down between two gravestones, but lost her balance and grabbed one of them. The monument fell on top of her, causing fatal injuries. *Irish Independent, 10 Sept 2005.*

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

Super-skeptic ROBERT SHEAFFER writes:

"I was alerted by a source who prefers to remain anonymous that Jesse Marcel III has just been sentenced by a judge in Great Falls, Montana to four years in federal prison. He pleaded guilty to Medicare fraud and embezzlement from the now-defunct Prairie Vista Manor Nursing Home, of which he had been chief financial officer. The amount stolen is estimated to be at least \$165,000. News stories about this are enclosed; "Marcel smooth-talked his way into Prairie View Manor, then sucked the place dry." The relevance of all this to the Roswell claims is tenuous.

"My source also claimed that Viaud Marcel, the wife of Jesse Marcel Sr., was the niece of U.S. Representative Leonard Allen of Louisiana, who served from 1937-53, and also former Louisiana Governor O.K. Allen. Both were members in good standing in the political machine of Huey Long, whose corruption was truly legendary. The relevance of this to Roswell is likewise murky, except to point out that in 1947 Marcel's wife reportedly had an uncle who was a sitting Congressman, and who had gotten his start in politics from one of the crookedest demagogues in U.S. history. Wheee!"

Famed ufological theorist JOHN KEEL, who often refers to your editor as "A Boil on the Ass of Ufology", writes as follows:

"Dear Boil:

"The hospital lost my dentures! So I have been gumming my way through the Fall Season. They are feeding me gruel & oatmeal.

"I'm giving you this big scoop so you can outdo Clark, Coleman, and all the other victims of dementia out there."

We understand that Keel has had heart surgery recently, and we wish him well. We also hope he finds his teeth! - Editor.

PAUL KIMBALL of Redstar Film & Television Production writes:

"Thanks for the mention in the most recent 'Saucer Smear' of our Symposium, here in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Alas, you got the date wrong (it was the 14th of October), but it's the thought that counts. On the other hand, you did get the website address correct, which strikes me as ironic!....About 50 people showed up for the 2006 New Frontiers Symposium. They were treated to a tour de force by some of the best 'new frontier' researchers around today, as well as a presentation by yours truly..."

Researcher (?) KATHY KASTEN writes:

"Whispers about Don Schmitt and Julie Shuster! I am sure Marie Schmitt would be upset to hear that you have paired Don off with Julie. Marie and Don were married twice in 2005 - once in Hawaii and once at Don's house in Hubertus. There was a second reception ceremony at the Roswell Museum in November of 2005. I know because I was there along with individuals from the Board of Directors and various friends.

"There is a reason for Julie Shuster to keep a close eye on Schmitt, but it has to do with keeping the Museum relevant and making sure Schmitt keeps his promise to all associated with the Museum - that he will find a piece of the crashed 'space ship' out there at the Foster Ranch!"

Lots of luck, Don! - Editor.

Skeptic JOHN MERRELL writes:

"...After my 22 year battle against Court TV's 'psychic detective' Noreen Renier, in late November a Washington federal court judge ruled in my favor against Renier, giving me a summary judgment against her for breaching a 1992 Florida state court breach-of-settlement contract. This was based on the publication of her book 'A Mind for Murder' in May, 2005. Additionally the judge dismissed all of Noreen Renier's counter claims and as of

December the process moves forward to collect damages including all litigation fees as noted in the settlement agreement. The litigation fees for both parties are estimated at more than \$100,000, even before my additional damages. For those who may wish to know more, including the latest updates, my website is: [www.amindformurder.com](http://www.amindformurder.com)."

And, WILLIAM MOORE, that ufological icon of yesteryear, writes:

"...Sorry to hear about the demise of the 2006 National UFO Conference (NUFOC) and the unlikelihood that there will be future such events. It looks to me like the UFO movement is pretty much dead, at least for the time being. These days, it seems as if Republicans have replaced aliens as the greatest threat to world civilization."

DAVE SWINK, our "Inside Man" in Roswell, writes:

"Jim, thanks again for the last newsletter. Your humor is just intoxicating and that's just why no one can be you at 'Smear' - just like no one can mimic or replace Art Bell or Garrison Keillor. I'd sure hate to try and follow in your footsteps. I'm glad you have Vince Ditchkus to help you now, but no one else on this planet has the knowledge of strange history as you do, and can deliver the stories with as much fun. I predict that NUFOC will (and should) simply disappear. So should 'Smear'. Let us remember 'Smear'-and-you, period..."

"As for Lisa Davis, I don't think we'll hear of her again."

Researcher NORMAN HOWARD writes:

"I have noticed that the recent issues of your esteemed newsletter have greatly improved. I didn't think that the improvement was related to the Internet, though. It seems to me that your editing and comments have just been more interesting lately. I wouldn't give too much credit to anything related to the Internet. Writers and editors all have periods where they shine more brightly, and you are in an 'up' period..."

DENIS COREY puts the same thought another way:

"...I believe that when you decide to retire from publishing 'Smear', you should retire it, too. You are 'Smear', and 'Smear' is you. It wouldn't be the same without you running the show....Let a 'successor' start his or her own newsletter. If anything, you could be a consultant to a new newsletter...."

And, SCOTT BOND writes as follows:

"...And then of course there is the ominous mention of 'The Succession' in the latest 'Smear'. 'Saucer Smear' without the Commander? The mind boggles. Perhaps we are in the End Times after all! I just remember Guy Lombardo saying a few years before his death that when he went he was taking New Year's Eve with him, and damned if he didn't, Dick Clark or no! Someone else may helm the bridge of the old zine in the years to come, but we all know it will never be the same. There is only one Commander Moseley!..."

We sincerely appreciate all these kind thoughts! Finally, the semi-mysterious "RAY X" writes as follows:

"I don't know how you produce 'Smear' with a typewriter and glued-in items, making everything fit. As noted in my zine, I have a hard time fitting everything in with a computer, making my print zine's layout halfway decent..."

Your humble editor does not use glue. Items are put in place by the more modern and sophisticated use of scotch tape. The late, great Gray Barker used to use glue, but we always found it to be messy. Some people (not either of us) use glue for sniffing, but that's a whole different story. - Editor.

MAY THE JOYS OF THIS HOLY XMAS SEASON BE WITH ALL OF YOU!