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A LIGHT-HEARTED BUT POSITIVE LOOK AT THE FLYING SAUCER SCENE, SHOCKINGLY CLOSE TO THE TRUTH!

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Roswell, again!

A new and rather obscure but interesting book has recently come out, and its author has been interviewed on Gene Steinberg's internet radio show called The Paracast.

The author is named Lawrence Spencer, and the title is "ALIEN INTERVIEW - Based on Personal Notes and Interview Transcriptions Provided by: Matilda O'Donnell MacElroy".

This tome runs on for over three hundred pages, about half of which contain footnotes. It starts out in a genuinely thought-provoking manner, and then sinks into excessive detail, leading ultimately to utter boredom.

Spencer is the author of a previous tome called "The Oz Factor", and indirectly because of this, he was uniquely chosen to receive from Ms. MacElroy this huge transcript she made in July and August of 1947, of a series of interviews with an entity that survived the Roswell crash - which was due to an electrical storm. Three other similar creatures apparently died, but this one was unhurt.

The creature was a 40-inch-tall humanoid entity called AIRL, which communicated only by telepathy, especially since she had no mouth. The sex is only a guess, as she had no sexual organs of any kind. In fact, she was somehow an extraterrestrial soul inhabiting a non-organic body, which she chose to leave behind after about six weeks, due to cruelty by her U.S. Air Force captors. Thus she was never really "alive".

AIRL was captured at the crash site by the U.S. military and taken to an interrogation room, where she was held permanently. The only woman involved in the capture was Ms. MacElroy, who was a nurse with the Women's Army Air Force Medical Corp, attached to the 509th Bomb Group in Roswell. AIRL refused to communicate with anyone but Ms. MacElroy, perhaps because she was the only unarmed member of the interrogation group.

At first, communication was only by means of images, which was very difficult; but in only a few days AIRL was able to learn English fluently and to read many books in our language. The story she told about herself and her race was long and (we assure you!) very detailed indeed.

Incredibly, Ms. MacElroy was somehow able to keep her own copy of all these transcribed top secret interviews! She was retired from military service shortly after fulfilling her interrogation mission, and thereafter lived in fear that the government would come after

her for the transcripts. Many years later she and her husband moved to Ireland to die there, in what sounds like a double suicide.

Ms. MacElroy talked to the author once by phone a few years ago, but by the time he received these detailed transcripts from her, she was already dead at age 83. There was no way for him to obtain any further information about her or her unique activities back in 1947. In fact, we must entertain the strong possibility that neither AIRL nor Ms. MacElroy ever existed! (Glenn Dennis' famous Roswell nurse never existed, either.)

To make sure that no outsider could ever pursue an investigation, Spencer deliberately destroyed all the documents he received by mail from Ireland, and even destroyed the envelope they came in! He was paranoid about the whole thing, just as Ms. MacElroy had been all her life. She never shared her story with anyone but Spencer.

Furthermore, Spencer states: "Since I do not have any further information to verify that any of the notes of these 'interviews' sent to me by Ms. MacElroy are in any way factual, let the reader beware and take heed accordingly."

So - What is AIRL's story? It's much too long to go into here, but here's a couple of highlights: Her race is called "The Domain" and has been kicking around the Universe for billions of years. It now controls a large part of our Universe, but not all of it. They have a space station near Earth. Earth is a "universal dumping ground" for this entire region of Space, i.e., the souls here are about the worst you could imagine. We are so bad that "The Domain" has no interest in invading us or even making contact anytime soon, but eventually they may decide to do us in. Obviously, they are unimaginably more advanced than we are, and have been involved in our history & pre-history ever since whenever; etc., etc.

The good news is that, according to Gene Steinberg, you can obtain this book for free by contacting: [forum.theparacast.com](http://forum.theparacast.com). May the Farce be With You!...

In recent years we have written several "Smear" articles about the fate of famed British "hacker" Gary McKinnon, who greatly embarrassed the U.S. military by penetrating many highly sensitive computer sites in the nervous days around the time of the 9/11 tragedy. His efforts cost the U.S. government almost a million dollars, and endangered our national security tremendously.

Apparently McKinnon was not a terrorist, but just a crazy amateur, obsessed with try-

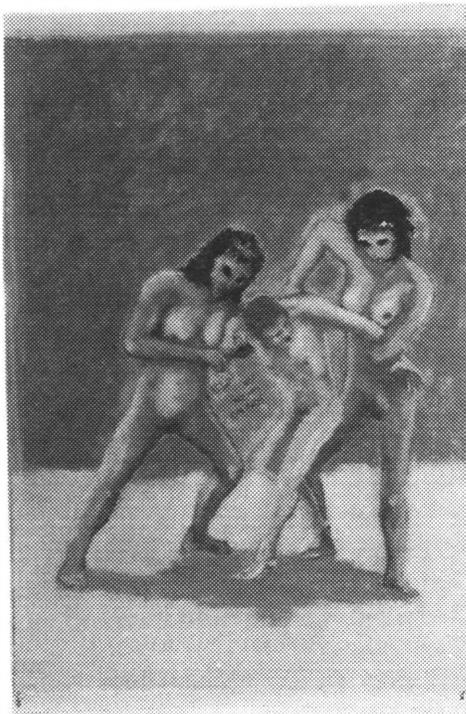
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● CALIFORNIA  
**SEWAGE PLANT COULD BE NAMED FOR BUSH**

SAN FRANCISCO — A measure seeking to commemorate President Bush's years in office by slapping his name on a San Francisco sewage plant has qualified for the November ballot.

The measure certified Thursday would rename the OceanSide Water Pollution Control Plant the George W. Bush Sewage Plant.

Supporters say the idea is to commemorate the mess they claim Bush has left behind. Local Republicans say the plan stinks and they will oppose it.

Above left: An ad for a groovy forthcoming UFO event in Jersey City, N.J., very near where we used to live; Middle: Part of a painting by our friend interdimensional UFO artist and abductee DAVID HUGGINS, who will be exhibiting his work there; Right: A politically incorrect news item.

ing to expose the military's alleged secret information about UFOs. Exopolitical extremists such as Dr. Steven Greer and Stephen Bassett should be very proud of him!

McKinnon admits that for many months he became obsessed with "hacking", spending about eight hours a day at it, while unkempt, drinking beer, and (shamefully!) smoking marijuana.

Now McKinnon has finally lost his last appeal in Britain to avoid extradition to the United States, where he will no doubt be treated harshly. He is now making a desperate "last ditch" appeal to the European Court of Human Rights, in Strasbourg, France. Let us express a political opinion by saying that, if this court had any "teeth" whatsoever, we would be living in an entirely different world!...

On July 18th we watched another of Larry King's UFO specials on CNN, expecting to see the usual mess.

Miraculously, the first half hour was excellent, with three high-ranking military men telling about first-hand experiences in which guided missiles and key communications were knocked out of action in specific incidents, years ago. A token "skeptic" on the show was unable to make any meaningful comment!

Then, in the second half hour, came the usual shouting, all-talking-at-once, and incoherent ravings that ruin most of King's UFO shows. It was two "Believers" vs. two "skeptics". Prime "Believer", as usual, was our olde pal Stanton Friedman, who probably knows by now just what the aliens eat for dinner on their home planets. The other "Believer" was a documentary film maker named James Fox, defending the very dubious Phoenix Lights of 1997. The two "skeptics" were not even needed, as the "Believers" came across as not very believable at all!....

We thought this book was out already, but we now learn that it will be published in September: It is called "The Roswell Legacy: The Untold Story of the First Military Officer at the 1947 Crash Site", written by Dr. Jesse Marcel Jr. and his wife Linda, with (inevitably!) a foreword by famed UFO guru Stanton Friedman.

Herein, Dr. Marcel Jr. shamelessly seeks fame and fortune from the limited role his late father had in the Roswell Incident. The details are too complex to go into here, but Major Marcel Sr. was an Intelligence officer who transported and handled at least part of the debris that fell on the Foster (Brazel) Ranch. His alleged description of the debris as being decidedly weird is one of the main things fueling the continuing saga.

Unfortunately, a skeptic/debunker named Robert Todd obtained Major Marcel's military records back in 1995, and published them in his quaintly named "KowPflop Quarterly". (In our last issue, we misnamed it as the "Cowchip Quarterly".) In brief, this report finds that Marcel Sr. lied about having been a military pilot and also about his educational background, among other things. This fact makes us wonder about the accuracy of his detailed description of the Roswell debris.

UFO researcher Barry Greenwood recently sent us a duplicate copy of this expose, and it can be yours for a mere five dollars sent to our post office box. If you are a hard-core Roswell fan, you won't want to miss this. Otherwise, pass it by!...

It is a sad-but-true fact that the extremist UFO debunkers are as deluded in their own way as are the most far-out Believers.

CSI (formerly CSICOP) is the loudest of the debunking organizations. Their method is to avoid the bother of studying individual UFO cases, and stick with scientific platitudes that fit any & all cases somewhat - but which do not really fit them properly.

We have an "exchange" arrangement with their magazine, and also receive their miscellaneous literature. The latest item, from Executive Director Barry Karr, touts a "Superstition Obstacle Course", which cleverly opened on Friday June 13th at a location in San Francisco. At this obstacle course, you can "risk seven years bad luck by smashing a mirror; flirt with a penny's worth of luck; see if you feel the urge to knock on wood; risk draining the goodness from a horseshoe; walk under a ladder; step on a few cracks; listen to some bad luck music; spill a little salt; try a misfortune cookie; and much more."

If we were younger, richer, more handsome, and more dedicated - and maybe with the late Gray Barker at our side - we would engineer a massive power failure at their location, and then send dozens of howling fiends in ghoulish costumes to make the employees (and customers) of this silly exhibit run screaming into the night! Like Peace, we should Give Superstition a Chance!

This CSI mailing goes on to ask for Money....

Your editor infiltrated a real (as opposed to internet) radio show recently, thanks to advance info from Vince Ditchkus. The station is in Pensacola, Florida, and has an interview program conducted by a former Pensacola News Journal reporter named Renee Bookout.

Pensacola is very near Gulf Breeze, site of the 1987-1989 flying saucer flap, orchestrated by local resident Ed Walters, who made a pile of money from a series of ufological events which were almost surely fake. (If we believe in the Trickster phenomenon, a very few of them may have been real.)

One of the investigators on this case was a skeptical (now) former News Journal reporter named Craig Myers, whom your editor met a couple of times in Gulf Breeze. Myers' claim to fame is that he accidentally discovered Walters had (very strangely!) hidden a paper-mache model saucer in a wall of the house he was living in at the time. Walters had interesting excuses for this, but we believe he deliberately left it there when he moved, to be discovered some time in the far distant future. This was the weird kind of humor he enjoyed.

Anyhow - Myers recently wrote a self-published skeptical book called "War of the Words: The True but Strange Story of the Gulf Breeze UFO". Then he eventually got himself booked on the above-mentioned radio show. According to her Net posting, Renee Bookout received an unexpectedly large number of e-mails just before the program, and therefore was geared for a lot of call-ins. She thought she had a good thing going, until -

The only caller was your humble "Smear" editor, who managed to stay on the line for nearly half an hour, chatting with our old friend Myers. Without us, there would not have been much of a show!

There are several morals here: (1) The Gulf Breeze case is utterly dead; (2) Craig Myers' book, almost twenty years later, is dead; (3) The old call-in radio format is probably dead also. However, Ed Walters is still alive, living in the Gulf Breeze area under another name, and making money at other more legitimate things.

We want to remind you that, at the time, the prestigious MUFON organization took the Gulf Breeze story very seriously indeed, much to their shame. Lately, they have fallen very silent on the subject, for some reason!...

The Roswell saga is a never-ending one, it seems. The latest addition to the physical "evidence" is the so-called Roswell Rock. It was found a few years ago by a local business man named Robert Ridge. He found it on the desert "seventeen miles as the crow flies" from one of the alleged landing sites. It is not clear how this location really identifies it as being related to the 1947 crash.

This small rock (about two inches in diameter) has "unusual magnetic properties", and is deeply scored with what appears to be moon phases, a solar eclipse, and a depiction of a supernova. One anthropologist described the rock as being similar to a lodestone - which is a legendary object with magical and mystical properties. It is also claimed that the artifact mirrors a group of crop circles that appeared in Liddleton, England, in 1996 - indicating a possibility that the stone bears a message from Space. The mayor of Roswell, named Sam LaGrone, looked at the rock recently, and was very favorably impressed.

Of course, the hope is that it can be proven to be of extraterrestrial origin. Unnamed experts have said that there is "no way" this rock could have been scored or drilled in the way it was, without sophisticated modern equipment. The artifact's image appears to be literally "pulled" from the surface of the red iron ore rock. Some testing has been done, and more testing is expected soon.

It's unfortunate that this mysterious object apparently did not receive publicity until too late for Roswell's recent 61st birthday celebration....



Burglar surrendered  
to toy giraffe

Couple split after  
having 300 babies

FBI tries to  
fight zombie  
hordes

Nick Redfern gives voice to ufology's premiere statesman, Stanton Friedman at one of his blogs:

<http://www.ufomystic.com/the-redfern-files/saucer-reality/>

But Mr. Friedman offers nothing concrete, just conjecture; interesting conjecture perhaps but containing a litany of UFO clichés that no longer provoke even a smidgen of response from UFO devotees.

Mr. Friedman's analyses are old-hat, and lead ufologists nowhere unfortunately.



The feuding on the Net between various ufologists seems to be much more intense than usual lately, and sometimes actually becomes boring. One thing that does interest us, however, is that documentary film maker Paul Kimball has broken away from Stanton Friedman, who is his uncle-in-law (?). Because of this family relationship, the usually outspoken Kimball took it easy on Stan for a long time; but their ufological views are very different indeed, and now Kimball is on the warpath, with other researchers piling on, on his side.

Friedman is the "man to beat", as he has been intensely active in the UFO field for over forty years. He is the first pro-UFO guy called upon whenever Larry King wants to do a TV special on the subject. Friedman has been compared to the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, but there are at least two major differences: (1) Hynek had a doctorate in science, whereas Stan does not, and (2) far more importantly, Hynek was very open-minded on the UFO subject. First only in private, and later in public statements, Hynek admitted that flying saucers are far more complex than simple 3-D "nuts & bolts" vehicles from another planet.

Quite unlike Hynek, Stan Friedman's views are "frozen in time". He still talks about the "Cosmic Watergate"- whereas that political scandal was over thirty years ago! Much to our liking, the younger generation of ufologists, led by Kimball, Nick Redfern and others, has come to realize the inadequacy of the interplanetary theory, and are endlessly searching for other equally unprovable answers to the mystery. Hopefully, your "Smear" editor has helped in at least a small way to nudge them in that direction...

And then there is the problem of the rather arrogant ufological historian Jerry Clark.

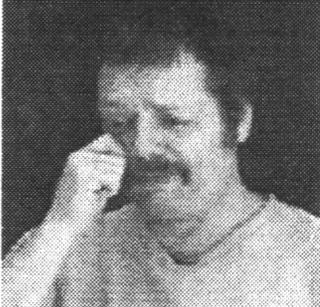
In his youth, influenced in unexplained ways by "the madness of the 1960s" as he calls it, Clark was perhaps excessively open-minded about Fortean mysteries, and even believed in the existence of fairies. Then he seems to have become strictly "nuts & bolts"; but now he has views that are so complex that they cannot be adequately expressed in the English language. Please turn to his partially incomprehensible letter to the editor on Page 7 of our June 30th, 2008 issue.

We have known Clark vaguely for a very long time, and in all that time he has rarely had even one kind word to say about "Smear" or its humble editor. Currently he is feuding with the late Karl Pflock, co-author of our 2002 classic "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" We know about this feud only because someone broke ranks and sent us a copy of a Clark posting on an elite ufological web site called "Project 1947". Only invited members can post there, and others cannot even read what is being said! It sort of reminds us of the "whites only" private clubs of yesteryear!

In the one posting we saw, Clark used many harsh terms to describe Pflock, which would be okay except that he pointedly refused to explain, even to fellow "Project 1947" members, what disagreements with Pflock he was referring to. He should either have explained his gripes or else not brought the subject up at all. Pflock was very conservative politically, whereas Clark describes himself these days as a "liberal Catholic" - whatever that means.

Net posting re  
former UFO re-  
searcher Kal Korff

Don't cry, Calvin



you're not the  
only asshole on  
youtube

Maybe politics has something to do with Clark's attitude, or perhaps it is Pflock's negative beliefs about Roswell. In any case Pflock, being dead, has not risen to the bait.

In the zine "International UFO Reporter", Clark once wrote a 7-page scathing review of our book "Shockingly!". We tried to ignore Clark's remarks, especially as all the other reviewers were at least mildly favorable. And best of all, England's prestigious "Fortean Times" (which Clark sometimes writes for) gave us a wonderfully enthusiastic & positive review, with a rating of 9 out of a possible 10. Obviously we can't please everyone, and the truth is that we don't even try!...

Still more Roswell! Former astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell has recently come out with a startling interview, repeating claims he made back in 1998, and perhaps at other times as well.

Mitchell claims that the U.S., British, and other earthly governments have long been involved in a vast cover-up conspiracy about UFOs. He says that material recovered at Roswell in 1947 was from a real extraterrestrial craft, and that ETs continue to take an interest in Earth. Mitchell adds that he took his story to the Pentagon at one point, and was granted a private meeting with the Intelligence Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. An unnamed admiral thereon confirmed his beliefs.

Dr. Mitchell is a NASA "icon", having made a 9-hour walk on the Moon in 1971. (This record space walk still stands.) On the other hand, Mitchell is known as the "mystic astronaut", as he conducted ESP experiments on the Apollo 14 flight without the knowledge or consent of NASA. He has also been associated with NIDS (National Institute of Discovery Science), and is co-founder of an organization dedicated to the study of mind-body relationships, ESP, alternative medicines, and other fringe subjects. NASA has gently but firmly denied Dr. Mitchell's latest assertions.

More suspicious is the timing of his recent pronouncements. In a posting called "Disclosure: Lunacy, Truth or Advertising?", Paul Kimball points out that an X-Files movie came out just days after Mitchell's latest statements, and he asks if there is a connection - as Mitchell has been associated financially with the X-Files in the past. Even hard-core pro-Roswell researcher Kevin Randle seems to have reservations about this situation...

Through the efforts of Vince Ditchkus we have made contact with the editor of England's slick new UFO magazine, called "Alien Worlds - The Search for Extraterrestrial Life". The editor is named Stuart Miller, and he has come up with a zine that is far better than America's "UFO Magazine" (using much nicer paper and more interesting material), but not nearly as satisfying as our all-time favorite, also from England, called "Fortean Times".

Your editor declined Miller's kind invitation to write a column for his bi-monthly publication, but we eagerly granted him the right to freely reprint anything from "Smear" that he cares to use. This is the same offer we have made through the years (since 1954) to other researchers of whatever point of view.

We do feel, however, that "Alien Worlds" might well be re-titled "4½-D Entities Revealed", "Interdimensional Fantasies", or perhaps "Unusual Weather Balloons from Alternative Realities".

Anyhow, we are with Miller in this worthwhile endeavor. His mailing address is: The New House, Church Bank, Richmond Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 3NW, England.

May the Farce be With Us!



**The aliens have  
small bodies  
and big eyes –  
and are friendly**

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## God's dirt

**Who Designed The Designer,**

There is a story that in the distant (or perhaps not so distant) future, scientists

decide to challenge God to a contest to create life. God accepts the challenge, picks up a handful of dirt and a squirming, hopping rabbit emerges. The scientist, undismayed, also pick up a handful of dirt; then God says, "Get your own dirt!"

## ENTERING GOATS' LAMB

Fire chief Leroy Johnson, 55, was arrested in Arizona after being found bent over a neighbour's lamb with his trousers down. The neighbour was called Alan Goats. *Metro*, 10 Mar 2006.

Long-time hard-core "Smear" non-subscriber MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"Yet another interesting issue of 'Saucer Smear'. How do you do it?

"The report about the Roswell Festival was terrific! Although Roth's contribution was clearly his own style, I felt his approach and tone fit with the format perfectly. You have chosen well, Dear Great One.

"My Bigfoot contacts also report that Erik Beckjord passed away. What a source of amusement he was for so many of us! And his wonderful photos where he saw so much and everyone else saw nothing. For myself I'm sorry we will not have Erik 'to kick around' any more!..."

MOLLY HANSON, a caring friend of the late Erik Beckjord, writes:

"...At least Erik was entertaining. He was known to make statements to stimulate conversation. Those statements were not necessarily what he believed, but they served to stimulate people who would otherwise go on their humdrum ways without the external stimulus Erik provided them. Erik was a searcher for truth to the chagrin of those whose beliefs are essentially set in concrete.

"You are not mean spirited, so I put the 'Smear' obituary down to a bad day. Mark and I thought it was so bad when we read it that we laughed with the shock. Art said you must have eaten something that disagreed with you..."

"Apparently Erik did not publish a book, as you said, but I found a hard copy of it and enjoyed the reading. He had sent out a notice maybe four months ago saying he'd finished it, and asking who wanted it for \$20. I did not order a copy. I may clean it up, add a few chapters to plump it up and fill in the last twenty-five years, and offer it..."

"Despite others continuing to put down a photographer for not writing a book, I have found many photos and video that he did make. I was originally only going to send that out. But now I am trying to select some of his many files, too. I have boxes lined up on the couch here in my home, with one of them for your friend Tom Benson."

Quite a few years ago, we experimented with many different silly titles for our zine, and Erik suggested strongly that we stick with "Saucer Smear". One reason he got mad at us was that we never gave him due credit for this. Now we are doing so. - Editor.

Legendary Cleveland researcher RICK HILBERG writes:

"It is interesting that Al Greenfield actually predicted a UFO event in Houston, Texas, last week. But, hey, there is video of 'UFOs' posted all over the internet from all around the world every week. Real powers or maybe a lucky guess?? Only the Space People can answer - and they are not talking!"

We respect Greenfield as a friend and a sincere researcher into the Unknown, but we do not think he has the power to predict anything. We may be wrong, as we have often been, about other matters. - Editor.

JIM LYNCH, another apparent Fan of ours, writes:

"I just finished reading the latest issue of 'Saucer Smear' and was delighted to see that our Supreme Commander took my suggestion and went to see the movie 'Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull'. I figured if anyone could give us some intelligent insight into crystal skulls it would be our ever-lovin', grave-robbing fearless saucer hunter himself. After all, Indy destroys more antiquity than he brings home!

"Speaking of insight into crystal skulls, I ordered one and have been spending a considerable amount of time with it. They say that crystal skulls possess strange powers. Well, a curious and fascinating thing it is! I have named it Sparky, because of the way he glows at night. In no particular order, Sparky has cured my hemorrhoids, restored my hair, gotten my weight back to normal, improved my love life, caused me to win friends and influence people; and because he can levitate he also makes a great back scratcher! Sparky can also

remove stubborn ink spots, rust spots, food spots, oil spots and leopard spots. More on Sparky as my research continues!

"Finally, my next door neighbor, who is extremely old, claims she remembers our Supreme Commander as the lookout aboard the R.M.S. Titanic. She is not the first to tell me this. What gives?..."

Our old friend from England, semi-skeptic CHRIS ALLAN, writes as follows:

"You ask for comments on your Roswell ramblings. As you say, Kevin Randle is the researcher on the case, although there are plenty of others still highly vocal about it. Looking at the broader perspective, Roswell is a dead duck and has been for decades. To put it simply and directly, you either accept that the USAF has hidden ET wreckage, bodies, and literally a roomful of documents on this case which it has managed to secretly stash away for over 60 years, or you admit that the whole ET case is a dud. There is really nothing further to say...I do not expect Randle to ever perform a 180-degree turn on Roswell, but he does, to his credit, now and then concede certain points.

"You ask about Dr. Jesse Marcel's motives for his book. This book was timed to coincide with the 'diamond jubilee' of Roswell last year, so it is hardly difficult to fathom his motives, is it?

"The U.S. government has made a mess of Roswell, you say? It wasn't they who announced the initial crash (the word 'crash' was never used anyway); but it was one man, Walter Haut, who put out the premature press release, and got rebuked from above for doing it. The USAF did make a mess of their 1997 'crashed dummies' report, but I still would not call this a total and deliberate lie."

MATT GRAEBER has some comments about the very unpopular Mogul Balloon explanation for the Roswell Incident:

"I have done a little researching on Mogul construction and learned Mogul balloon trains were often a little more than six hundred feet in length. It is possible that some of the (damaged?) train came down on the Foster property, while another portion of it came to earth near Vaughn. I checked a map of New Mexico and plotted the official high altitude wind drift data which Kevin Randle had provided to Professor Charles Moore several years ago. Here's what I learned:

"Professor Moore's analysis of the National Weather Service's wind data and the possible direction of the ill-fated Mogul flight No. 4, launched and lost on June 4th, 1947, is entirely consistent with the possible findings of debris at both sites.

"Here's what Professor Moore said at a gathering of New Mexicans for Science and Reason in 1993, as reported in the Jan.-Feb. 1995 issue of the Skeptical Inquirer: 'After flight number four lifted off at Alamogordo it probably ascended while traveling northeast (towards Arabel), then turned northwest during its passage through the stratosphere, and descended back to earth in a generally northeast direction.'

"...You know, this is a sixty-one year old incident. These self-appointed experts did not ask any probing questions about the Roswell Incident until the late 1970s and the early 1980s. So, while they question the reliability of old-timers' memories and bring up claims of 'confabulation', they tend not to realize that they too will someday be subject to faulty memory, confabulation, minor confusion, and possibly bouts of fantasy-prone behavior. In fact, the fantasy-proneness might already be affecting their investigative judgment!

"By the way, I strongly feel that Mr. Randle is the most thorough and sensible of the proponent crash researchers, and I am happy/relieved he is finally out of the Carey/Schmitt shadows...I do not desire to offend Mr. Randle as I consider him to be a patriot and a damn good writer..."

A Utah teenager called the police when a burglar stole a big bag of cannabis from his home. After police pulled in a suspect, the 18-year-old agreed to go to the station to "identify" the grass. He was then arrested and charged with possession of drugs with intent to supply. *The Press (Christchurch, NZ)*, 4 Feb 2006.

A gang who robbed a van in Slough on its way to Heathrow airport made off with £75 million - in Monopoly money. The bundles of worthless £100 and £500 notes were on their way to the Czech Republic, to be used in a new television advert for the family board game. "There will be no Get Out of Jail Free card for these chancers when we catch them," said a detective. *Sun*, 11 Mar 2006.

#### BIRD FLU BOOGIE

Nightclubs in Abidjan, the Ivory Coast capital, have been swept by the "bird flu dance" after the spasms of a dying chicken were set to music in an area where the virus was found. "It's like a chicken with Parkinson's trying to dance to hip-hop," a clubber said. [AFP] 13 May 2006.