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IUR (International UFO Reporter) has a fascinating lead story in the March 2010 issue. This pertains to a July 1979 landing near the town of Turis, Spain. It of course has been investigated several times in the past. The present re-hash is an article recently published in the Spanish language magazine called "Mas Allá", translated for us Americans by noted researcher Richard Heiden.

In broad daylight, a Spanish farmer named Federico Ibanez was driving alone near his vineyards when he saw a very strange object blocking his passage on the road. It had a "half-egg" shape, lacked wheels, and was resting on the ground on two "feet". The object was white in color, flat on the bottom, and about eight feet tall.

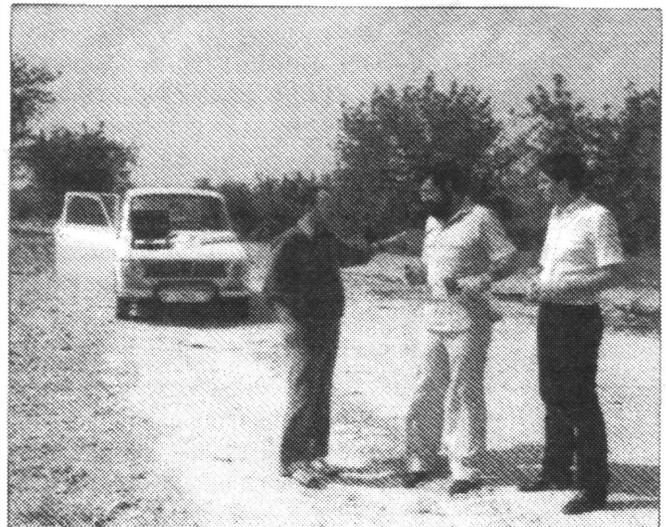
Stunned and still sitting inside his vehicle, the farmer saw two identical beings run out from behind a tree about ten yards to his left. They were a little over 3 feet tall, running quickly one behind the other. They entered the object on its left side.

Suddenly the object ascended with great speed, almost vertically, and quickly disappeared from view. As it departed it stirred up a whirlwind that swept the ground clean. Because his car's engine was still running, he is not sure if there was any sound or not.

As for the two creatures, their arms were short, folded tightly against their bodies and ending in dark hands. The only detail he could see on their faces were protruding black tubes about three inches long.

Unfortunately, only about ten seconds elapsed from the time Ibanez first saw the object blocking his way, to the time it disappeared in the distance. Some would say this is a very short time in which to absorb so much detail. On the other hand, complex physical traces were later found on the ground in the exact spot where the object supposedly landed.

Ibanez, who is still alive and farming in the same place, is considered by those who



*Investigators Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Miguel Guasp, in the area of the road where the UFO landed, record Federico Ibáñez's explanations in September 1979.
Photo by José Vicente Alós, AVIU.*

know him to be an excellent witness in every respect. It is indeed a shame that there apparently were no other witnesses to back up at least part of his story!

In a 1987 book about UFOs written by the author of this recent article, concerning sightings in Spain and Portugal in the late 20th century, he found that of 230 cases for which he could find no explanation, 39 included humanoid occupants near the landed object...

→ **FLASH!** At the highly advanced age of 81, James "The Amusing" Randi has finally "come out of the closet" and admitted publicly that he is gay.

Our first thought was "It's about time!" Your editor has known Randi for quite a long while. Back in the 1960s we seemed to be good friends, and among other things, we went to Equador together with a young boy chosen by Randi. We have indeed mentioned this before, including in a very recent issue of "Smear".

Randi's homosexuality was rather obvious in many ways, but he never would admit it even in private. Therefore it was used against him by his intellectual enemies to embarrass him, the motive being to punish him for his rigid stance against all things paranormal. This led to the wide distribution of the so-called "blackmail tape" of many years ago. This tape was never used for blackmail but was a rather sordid attempt by Uri Geller and others to punish Randi's well-known anti-psychic activities.

Your editor and Randi drifted apart after the 1960s because of Randi's increasingly harsh attitude against all forms of "superstition", of which flying saucers is certainly one.

We would also observe that in the long run Randi won his intellectual battle with Uri Geller. Geller was never able to prove his alleged psychic powers, and has gradually drifted into obscurity, while James Randi continues to be a highly respected leader of the "skeptical" (= debunker) movement. So be it.

Someday we may have a lot more to say about all this...

Your editor has an ongoing series of articles in this zine, detailing the UFO & paranormal events we have occasionally experienced during a long lifetime.

Many years ago, we used to go about once a year to the Sands Hotel, the smallest of about a dozen casino-hotels in Atlantic City, N.J. (It has since been torn down.) We gambled very lightly indeed, as we usually had such bad luck as to not even reach "the law of averages". Nothing psychic here!

But one year we spoke to a fellow named Rick Butler just before going. He is supposedly a psychic as well as a UFO abductee, and we have heard recently that he now runs a cult of some sort in New York City.

We asked Rick for a psychic tip, and he said, "In the hotel where you are staying, go to the bank of 50 cent slots that are up against a wall, and play the last machine on the right." Naturally we decided to try this, though ordinarily we stuck to 25 cent slots.

There was, indeed, only one bank of 50 cent slots, and it was against a wall, just as Rick had said. (We are almost sure that he did not even know which hotel we would be staying in.) We wanted to play the one on the far right, but there was a middle-aged woman using it, and it seemed like she was determined to play on forever. We stood at a respectful distance till she finally quit, obviously upset that she did not seem to be winning anything at all.

Your editor stepped up to the plate, put no more than three or four 50 cent chips into the machine, and came up with a \$150 payout, the second highest that this machine could pay.

The woman had stayed on, nearby, to watch us, just as we had been watching her. She approached us, almost in tears, and said something like, "How come I've been playing this machine all afternoon and can't win anything, and you step up and win right away?"

We couldn't help but be a little sadistic, and so we told the lady: "Madam, a psychic told me I would win on this machine. He didn't say you would win on it."

The lady understandably walked off in a huff.

Two days later, just before chcking out of the Sands Hotel, we decided to try this machine once again, in spite of the well-known adage "don't push your luck". This time there was no one playing the machine when we got there. We walked up and immediately won \$100 - the 3rd highest amount that this machine could pay out at one time. As before, we immediately stopped playing before we could lose the money back.

Thus we left Atlantic City \$250 ahead - a big contrast to our usual performance. Not

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a whole lot of money, but much better than nothing!

Co-incidence?? We are tempted to say, "Well hardly; but alas, this story is indeed proof of nothing. Nevertheless, we hope it is interesting. At least it is really true. Really...

UPDATE ON HYBRIDS: Our lead article in the last "Smear" mentioned the "Starchild Skull", which researcher Lloyd Pye believes to be that of a human/ alien hybrid. We also said that, as of a few years ago, Pye believed that very expensive future scientific testing would finally prove that he has been right all along.

Sure enough, Pye now claims that recent DNA testing is conclusive in proving his point. The father of this creature was not human, though the mother was. In future weeks or months, Pye will reveal the name of the geneticist who did the work, and the evidence will be formally presented to the world. (Why the further delay, we do not know.)

This Net posting also mentions a contrary opinion, however: Another geneticist allegedly stated that the DNA of the "Starchild Skull" is entirely human, and the facial reconstruction determined that the skull was manipulated through binding, and thus became deformed.

Another strongly negative opinion can be found in our letter from Dr. Chris Roth, further along in this issue...

THE "WOW!" SIGNAL: On August 15th, 1977, a signal thought to be of extraterrestrial origin was detected by the "Big Ear" radio telescope at Ohio State University. The scientist involved was Dr. Jerry Ehman, who was working in conjunction with SETI. He was so excited by the signal that, on the computer printout of the data, he circled this short segment and wrote "WOW!" next to it. The signal lasted for 72 seconds, and was not repeated - ever.

As the years went by and equipment improved, various scientists searched for the signal again many times, with no results. On the 30th anniversary of finding the signal, Dr. Ehman updated the findings and also his opinions about "Wow!" He wrote:

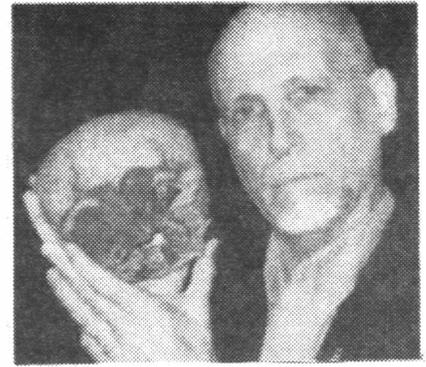
"Since all the possibilities of a terrestrial origin have either been ruled out or seem improbable, and since the possibility of an extraterrestrial origin has not been able to be ruled out, I must conclude that an ETI (Extraterrestrial Intelligence) might have sent the signal that we received as the 'Wow!' source...(but) there is simply too little data to draw many conclusions. I choose not to draw vast conclusions from 'half-vast' data."

And that is exactly where the matter still stands. Frustrating, isn't it!...

MUFON CHIEF "LOSES THE FAITH"? - In a surprising announcement on the Net, MUFON International Director James Carrion tells the world he has just resigned from his high post after three years at the helm. In the MUFON Journal, he merely cited problems regarding the time it took away from his real job; but in the above-mentioned April 5th blog on the cursed Net he goes further, to say among other things:

"...(I am now) squarely outside of Ufology - away from the polarized beliefs, the three-ring circus of sideshows and illusion acts that has created nothing but a hall of mirrors and dead ends, and which has produced no definite answers despite 60 years of accumulated investigation... If there is a real phenomenon, I have yet to see any evidence of it that would stand under scientific scrutiny. Outside of Ufology, I will pursue peeling away these layers of human deception and exposing them for what they are. If a real phenomenon lies at its core remains to be seen."

The new MUFON czar, Carrion's friend Clifford Clift, seems by phone to be a genial, reasonable fellow, and we wish him well...



the 'Starchild Skull'

**Woman, 89,
sues parents**

**Go extra mile, bishop pleads as Synod
wrestles with women bishops**



Anthony Bragalia is always interesting, even though most of his research is off the mark completely. Actually, we are starting to suspect that he is a Disinformation Agent of some kind!

His latest blog is called "Roswell Alcoholics: The Alien Anguish". Yes, it's Roswell again! For "Smear" readers who want the unvarnished truth, we will call this story "ROSWELL DRUNKS".

Here Bragalia tells us the tale of four people who hit the bottle hard after witnessing aliens crash in the New Mexico desert. The most amusing story is the first one, about New Mexico's then Lt. Governor, named Joseph Montoya.

It seems that Montoya cracked up completely after the Roswell crash. After seeing this emotionally-charged event, he was driven to a nearby house where he was handed "a 3/4

full bottle of Jim Beam whiskey." The witness relates that "he then imbibed the whole thing - straight from the bottle and in large gulps."

Depending on the size of the bottle, Montoya would either have been dead or in an alcoholic coma at that point. Yet he went on talking! Your humble "Smear" editor knows a bit about alcohol, though he has never seen an alien UFO crash. One might suppose that Montoya had a Problem with alcohol even before this traumatic event!

The same is true of the other three named Roswell alcoholics. The last-mentioned of the group is Jesse Marcel Sr., a key witness who has always been defended by his son, Dr. Jesse Marcel Jr. Yet, Bragalia quotes Junior as having said his father was "driven to drink by alien anguish and the ensuing cover-up".

We'll drink to that!...

BRIEF BOOK REVIEWS:

The first of several very recent books we will mention is "Electricity of the Mind" - a Non-Fiction Anthology". This is #14 in a long series of such anthologies that has been produced in recent years by Anomalous Books, which consists of our friends Dennis Stacy and Patrick Huyghe. (Your editor contributed to an earlier edition.)

Of the fourteen short articles therein, only two were of special interest to us. Of these the first is "The Real James Randi", by a man named Tim Cridland, also known as "Zamora the Torture King". He has performed his unique act in such diverse places as Key West and Las Vegas, and we know him slightly. What we have in common is not, we assure you, self-torture, but rather our mutual negative interest in James "The Amusing" Randi.

Cridland tells us more than we ever knew before about Randi's early years in his native Canada, where he at various times worked as a fortune teller, astrologer, and hypnotist. Randi does not believe in the reality of any of these three arts, so he was deliberately fooling the gullible public just as he later accused others of doing! Eventually he got into stage magic in the Houdini tradition, where, like all such magicians, he admitted that what he was doing was mere trickery. Finally, in later years, he became the arch-skeptic we know today as head of the James Randi Educational Foundation, here in southern Florida. (They are the ones with the million dollar offer for proof of the psychic realm.)

Cridland claims that Randi did not become a hard-core professional debunker until he locked horns in the 1970s with a well-known psychic (?) named Uri Geller. Geller's career went from stage magician in Israel to psychic (?) spoon-bender in the U.S. Randi went from fake psychic to stage magician to professional debunker. Perhaps these two richly deserve each other!...

The other article we liked was about the mysterious Nazca Lines of Peru, which we wrote about as recently as our last issue. We have been fans of these Lines since the 1950s, but the author of this article, named Cameron Blount, tells us one important fact that we never knew before!

Among the many animal figures, geometric designs, etc., that are intermingled with the lines, there is just one that does not seem to make sense, assuming as Blount does, that their art is stylized but nevertheless representational - i.e., basically realistic.

Says he: "Lying on a hillside at the lower edge of the Nazca Pampa, the 'Nazca as-

tronaut' is indeed a curious figure. There, almost traced as if by a child, is a strange humanoid representation. It has large circular eyes and puffed-out limbs, as if the depiction is wearing some sort of protective suit. The figure is unique, as far as we know, in Nazca iconography".

The author does not specify as to what this means, but obviously it gives weight to the crackpot theory of Von Daniken and others, that the Lines are an ET landing field, or whatever. Egads!...

The next book, also from Anomalous, is Mac Tonnie's "The Cryptoterrestrials". We will mention it only briefly here, as we (sort of) reviewed it in our last issue. We would only add that, predictably, Antonio Bragalia, in a blog titled "The Lie About Aliens from the Inner Earth", has attacked this tome feverishly, licking it to Richard Shaver's crazy ravings about underground "Dero". The comparison is utterly unfair, and Bragalia can't help but know this!

Anyhow, the web address to contact for this book and the above-mentioned anthology is: anomalistbooks.com...

Next we turn to two offerings just out from publisher Timothy Green Beckley of New York City. The first of these possibly hits a new low, even for Beckley! The authors are (sadly!) Nick Redfern; occult expert Tracy Twyman; and "Commander X", who indeed may be Beckley himself.

The title is "MIND CONTROLLED SEX SLAVES AND THE CIA", described on the front cover as "a collection of essays and interviews about Project MONARCH and other shocking MK-ULTRA mind control terror operations".

Let us just say that almost all of this material is nothing more than wild speculation, for entertainment purposes only! To learn more, contact Global Communications, P.O. Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903...

Now we turn to a much more interesting, reasonable tome, also from Beckley. It is about Harry Houdini, that famous magician of yesteryear, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who was a close friend of Houdini; a True Believer in the supernatural; and also the author of the classic Sherlock Holmes detective stories, which are still very popular so many years after his death.

This book is called "Houdini's Spirit Exposes" (= exposes of 19th century and early 20th century trance mediumship, etc.), and the cover goes on to state: "Revealing the Bizarre Powers of Harry Houdini - Psychic? Medium? Prophet? Clairvoyant?"

The answer to these questions is probably "no", but there is always the possibility, however remote, that Houdini, the famed Psychic Debunker (a la James Randi) may have had such powers himself, with or without being aware of it.

The book gives roughly equal attention to Houdini's publicly-stated anti-psychic views, and Doyle's strongly opposite point of view. There are dozens of intriguing photographs from that long ago era. Altogether, a very interesting, worthwhile romp! \$20 for the conspiracy book, \$22 for this one. Hint: Go for this one!...

Finally, from our old friend Rick Hilberg of Cleveland ufology, we have a new booklet called "The Best of the Original UFO Magazine". This contains outstanding items from his zine as it existed in the 1960s. There is (mercifully!) no connection whatever to the current newsstand periodical with the same name.

Hilberg's tome sells for \$9, as have all the others in this endless series. It is available at 377 Race Street, Berea, Ohio 44017...



WORM ASTRONAUTS

On 3 February, Iran successfully launched a rocket carrying a mouse, two turtles and a consignment of worms into space - a feat President Ahmadinejad said showed that Iran could defeat the West in the battle of technology. "Worms in space serve no purpose," huffed a US expert. *Independent*, 4 Feb 2010.

"OpenMinds" : This is the title of a brand new UFO magazine, and indeed, a new organization, originating in the vicinity of Phoenix, Arizona. The first issue came out in mid-March, but we have only recently seen it. We can only state that it is significantly better than the current newsstand zine, "UFO Magazine".

Their Net blurb (or whatever) states: "our mission: Open Minds Production believes greater truths can be discovered when individuals question and critically examine their beliefs and those of others; Our knowledge as individuals, and as a human race, grows not through ignorance or stubbornness but through keeping an Open Minds (sic)."

This same outfit will henceforth sponsor the International UFO Conference, which has for years held a 6-day convention in Laughlin, Nevada - a swinging little town indeed, which we have visited several times. Now the annual conclave will move to a location near Phoenix.

"OpenMinds" also runs a radio show and a Web site devoted to UFO phenomena.

One of the editors of the magazine is an old friend of ours named Antonio Huneus, who lived near us in New York City for a long time. Now he works out of the "OpenMinds" headquarters in Arizona, and seems to be very happy with this new job. We wish him and the magazine well...

Incidentally, our favorite article in this first issue is written by Antonio, and is called "The Ruwa Close Encounter". Because the incident mainly (but by no means entirely) involves young school children, and because it occurred in an obscure African nation called Zimbabwe, it has not received the attention it deserves. "Smear", however, has mentioned it at least once in recent issues.

On September 16th, 1994, at about 10:15 in the morning, 62 children aged 6 to 12 were playing in their school yard when three silver balls suddenly flew over the area at low altitude. One of these then came closer and landed in an area of rough grass adjacent to the school. The object was shaped like a saucer with a dome on top!

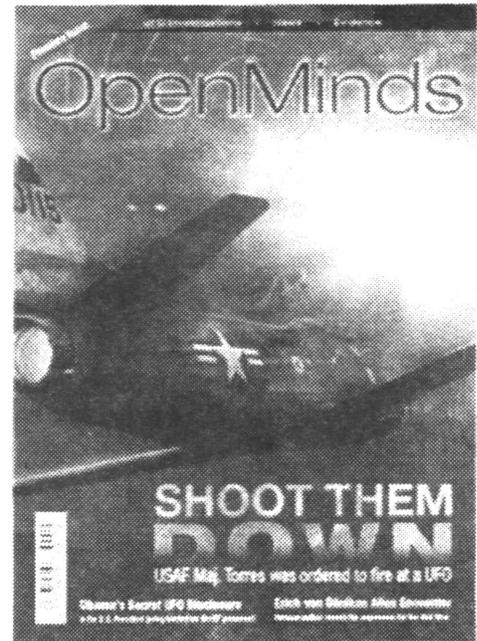
A small humanoid about three feet tall appeared on top of the object. He then walked a little way across the rough grass, became aware of the children, and disappeared. He was dressed in a tight-fitting black suit. He had a scrawny neck and "huge eyes like rugby balls". Weird indeed! The account does not tell us just how long he was seen before he and his craft disappeared from view.

Most interesting is the fact that this creature apparently projected a non-verbal psychic message to the effect that we should take better care of the Earth's environment. Not all the children received this message equally, but it was there. The author comments: "Although this is a common theme in many alien encounter accounts, there is no way these children could have been exposed to that kind of material in a poor, isolated country like Zimbabwe was in 1994". In other words, the children could not have been making up the environmental message.

Famed UFO abduction investigator Dr. John Mack of Harvard University was one of the people who took an interest in this case. He came to Zimbabwe in late 1994 and conducted over four filmed hours of interviews with these children and some adults, and became convinced of their honesty. One note of caution, however: From what little we know about Dr. Mack, he has his own agenda and found it all too easy to believe anything that confirmed his pre-conceived semi-religious notions.

There is much more to this story, but no Space. Apparently there have been several documented cases of saucerians appearing to children and communicating with them in this psychic manner. Especially during a 3 to 5 day period around the date of the Ruwa incident, there were many witnesses to ufological events in that part of the world, involving children as well as adults.

A documentary called "Encounter at Ruwa" has recently been made and will be released
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LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

The following is an electronic open letter from DAVID BIEDNY, former co-host of the Paracast internet radio show, to GENE STEINBERG, who is the Paracast's permanent host and Executive Producer:

Gene,

I hate to lay this on you today, but..

I can no longer be involved with the Paracast. The damage it's done to my life is too extensive, it's really fucked me up, and there's no way I can continue. I'm very sorry.

There's no talking me out of this, Gene. Don't even try. I've given it a LOT of thought, and there's no other alternative for me. I gave it years to gel, and all it's done is destroy what was left of my career. I can't continue. I'm sorry.

dB

DAVID HUGGINS, author of a very recent book about his alien adventures and art work, writes as follows:

"I received the latest issue of 'Smear'. I was reading the article about alien hybrids and came across the line: 'All these hybrid babies appear (in the painting) to be about the same age - i.e., still babies. We apparently have missed something here.'"

"Actually, you haven't. In the book there is one painting of myself, Crescent, and a boy about five years old. I have a couple of memories of playing with the children. There was one time when I was playing hide and seek. I hid behind two of the large alien women. A few children were looking for me, and of course they found me.

"There was another time where I was teaching a boy how to throw a ball. He didn't seem to understand about throwing.

"Also I have seen a young man in his late twenties. And I have seen the babies at different ages. As far as I know I am not a grandfather of these beings, who look very human.

"Also I have had sex with another (alien) woman, which would result in children I haven't seen, as far as I know.

"I just thought I would let you know about the (hybrid) babies at different stages of development."

"Smear" Contributing Editor DR. CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

"I'm glad to see that Lloyd Pye is still selling his silly ancient skull stories. For the record - yes, it is definitely an absolute absurdity to think that a terrestrial organism and an extraterrestrial one - if such there be - could mate and produce any offspring, sterile or otherwise. To paraphrase Carl Sagan, two such creatures would be less genetically compatible than, say, an elephant and an orchid.

"This assumes, of course, that any extraterrestrial beings would be the product of independent evolution. However, many scenarios peddled by UFO believers - especially of the contactee and ancient astronaut variety - hold that life was seeded on Earth by extraterrestrials, or vice versa. Some versions have it that humans are the product of Earth apes and alien beings crossed via genetic engineering that we can only dimly imagine. These are silly scenarios in my opinion, but at least they offer one way to get around the incompatibility of life forms. The trouble is, if one is positing technology that is millennia ahead of ours, then any feat can be claimed to be possible!

"As for Pye's 'starchild skull', I will say this: The idea that one could do genetic tests on a skull and determine that the creature had a non-human father and a human mother is preposterous. One cannot do genetic tests on any skeletal remains unless there is some sort of fairly intact genetic material in or on it - living or recently-living or somehow chemically well-preserved cells. Forget ancient skulls on the desert!"

Publisher TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY writes regarding "Coast to Coast" and Long John Nebel's long-ago producer on WOR radio, Paris Flammonde:

"Just last week WOR became the New York City outlet for the off-beat show "Coast to Coast". When I heard this was happening, I thought it would be a great idea to inform them that WOR had been the home to Long John Nebel for many years, and that is where his career began and was the birthplace of paranormal radio. I suggested they have Paris Flammonde on as a guest and hooked them up. Host George Noory did a great 10 to 12 minute tribute to Long John. He played a bit of an interview LJ did with George Adamski, and then interviewed Paris from his home in Pennsylvania for a brief while. It was actually very touching to pay credit to a man who they admit was responsible partially for their careers and the now very popular paranormal format which is heard all over the world..."

ROB SWIATEK of MUFON writes as follows:

"As you know, I'm on the board of MUFON, an organization that continues to soldier on investigating UFO sightings, quaint as that activity might sound to swells in these post-Space Age days. Last year that was a considerably easier task to accomplish, what with dollars directed our way from the Bigelow outfit; and a veritable team of dispatchers, STAR Team dudes, and managers keyed to leap into action every time the phone rang at MUFON Headquarters. But the money stream stopped when the contract ended, and now cases have to be investigated the old-fashioned way - by having volunteers trudge into the field in their free time and on their own dime. Big letdown, needless to say..."

"You will recall that in your Feb. 2010 issue of 'Smear' you made reference to a CE-III in Texas that initially sounded pretty damn good. It (and a sister case) fell apart when the main witness couldn't be located or interviewed. We have listed the cases as closed due to insufficient data..."

"Occasionally it is interesting to learn the net income of the tax-exempt UFO organizations that seek to tease the truth out about the UFO enigma. It turns out it's not MUFON, CUFOS, or the Fund for UFO Research at the top of the money heap, but the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, run by one Steven M. Greer, doctor. The International UFO Museum and Research Center at Roswell, New Mexico, is a step behind CSETI. Or is the Museum ahead? No matter. Two organizations that do diddly to advance scientific UFO research turn out to have enough money to fund fulltime teams of scientists, if they ever deigned to see it that way. Somehow, mind bogglingly, contributions and document sales provided the good doctor with 2008 receipts of over one million dollars! The so-called Roswell Museum collected slightly less from sales of bumper stickers, etc., but they have a building to show for their efforts. I now discern the error of my ways, Jim. UFOs don't pay, but there's tons of money in saucers.

"I will sit back at this time, to ponder the sad implications of the above, perhaps muting my pain by consulting with my bottle of Dickel.

"I wish you continued insights into the ways of the UFO."

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very soon. Of course "OpenMinds" will report on this event, as well as "Smear". This is indeed one of the most interesting and significant UFO cases of recent years...

Incidentally, the small stains you see near the bottom of Page Six are from the editor's blood. It literally takes blood, sweat, and even tears to put out this zine, using our primitive 1970s methods!...

We were intending to close this issue with a very intriguing account of a British woman who claims to have seen a well-known crop circle forming. Unfortunately, there is not enough Space left to do the story justice, so we will save it for next time. The woman did not see any humans or aliens doing the forming, and this is the most interesting aspect of her account.

Face of newborn baby
found on doorstep

**Church wants 40
days of darkness**

Vatican powerless against
Angels and Demons