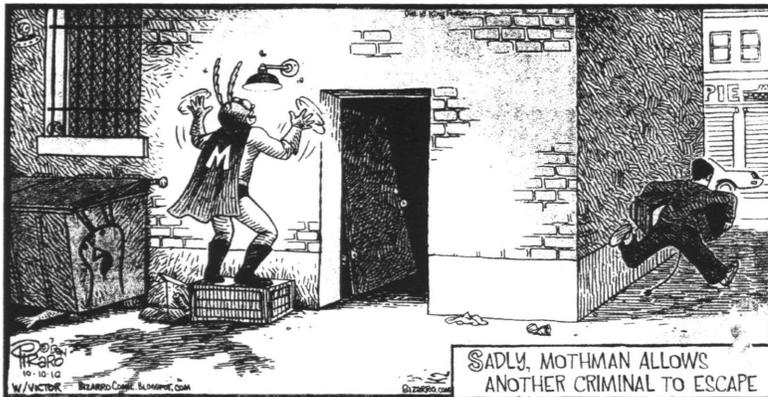


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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

MUFON MADNESS!

Mercifully the UFO abduction controversy has finally died down, so we now turn our attention to a more mainstream group of ufological problems, involving the venerable MUFON organization.

MUFON (Mutual UFO Network - originally called Midwest UFO Network) was founded in 1969 by Walt Andrus, who eventually appointed himself International Director. He retired about thirty years later, having formed MUFON as a break-away offshoot of Coral Lorenzen's APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization). APRO then died out very shortly after the death of its rather eccentric director, Coral Lorenzen.

MUFON is the world's largest civilian UFO research organization, and currently has about 2800 members, down considerably from a peak a few years ago. There are many officers, starting with the current International Director, named Clifford Clift. There are also 50 State Directors, and an over-all Board of Directors consisting of 12 (?) people. The exact structure and by-laws have never been revealed to the general membership to the best of our knowledge, or at least they are never discussed in depth in the monthly MUFON Journal. Indeed, the current February 2011 Journal has no hint about the several current disputes!

Perhaps more details about MUFON's structure, etc. are revealed in the annual tome called "Proceedings", which contains the text of all "papers" presented at the national conventions, plus (apparently) additional information. We have never sent for a "Proceedings" as they are very long-winded, tedious, and expensive.

We might note that in addition to State Directors, there are also State Section Directors, each Section consisting of one or more counties. At one time in the distant past, your humble "Smear" editor was appointed Section Director for Monroe County, Florida, which is where Key West is located. Quite honestly, we completely failed to perform, and thus we were eventually demoted to "J.S." (Journal Subscriber), the MUFON rank that we currently enjoy.

Moving on to the disturbing situations occurring currently, we must mention semi-billionaire Robert Bigelow. He made his fortune with a large, very profitable chain of sleazy motels, and then he turned his money & attention primarily to the aerospace industry. He now owns a large company called BAASS. One of their goals is to eventually

produce an earth satellite where tourists can go into orbit for a healthy price.

Bigelow is also interested in the Unknown, on a much smaller scale of investment. He has been financially involved with NIDS (National Institute for Discovery Science) and for years he owned the "Skinwalker Ranch" in Utah, where extremely weird phenomena of a paranormal sort were studied by a small team of scientists who lived there for several months at Bigelow's expense. Nothing was ever proven, and there are rumors of improper behavior of some sort - such as possible hoaxing! James Carrion claims to have "very damaging information" about this situation, which he has revealed to the MUFON Board, but not to the masses.

Bigelow had a brief but stormy financial relationship with MUFON several years ago, which was broken off in mutual (get it??) disgust. In early 2009, Bigelow again entered into a complex formal contract with MUFON, in which, in exchange for a large sum of money, that organization would furnish his organization (BAASS) exclusively with all the results of its current UFO research and all its back-up information about recent UFO cases. This contract gave rise briefly to the so-called "Star Teams", in which selected MUFON members would actually be paid for their investigations and reimbursed for expenses - whereas all of this work had previously been done on a voluntary, unpaid basis.

Strangely, Bigelow had a group of unnamed backers or sponsors for this, rather than financing the contract out of his own deep pockets. This 2009 contract calls for \$672,000 to be paid to MUFON in monthly payments of \$56,000 each. However, things blew up in less than a year, and thus the agreement was not completed or renewed. It is obvious that Mr. Bigelow is a very demanding capitalist of the extreme kind!

James Carrion resigned as MUFON's International Director partly out of disgust with this mess with Bigelow, although there were several other issues involved. Carrion is now suing MUFON for reasons that are not clear to us. Carrion seems to be conspiracy-minded (whatever that means), and he now wants to find his own path to ufological Truth, as an independent researcher. It seems he may not even believe any more that there is a valid UFO Mystery, apart from conspiracies, disinformation, etc.

Carrion was replaced by a man named Clifford Clift, who has, however, already earned the wrath of many MUFON members. In the course of just a few months, 6 of the 50 State Directors have either been fired or have resigned. Each story is somewhat different, and rather long to go into here.

However, one of the firings is of more than passing interest. This involved a woman named Elaine Douglass, who is indeed a colorful ufologist. Years ago she lived in Washington, D.C., during which time she was the prime organizer of an activist group called "Operation Right to Know", which sponsored a memorable "March on Washington". In this, a group of about one hundred UFO enthusiasts eventually gathered in the little park in front of the White House one sunny afternoon, and your editor was among them. A few of these people actually marched briefly on the sidewalk in front of the White House, carrying appropriate signs. (Your editor did not do this; and we might add that we know of no official policy changes coming about as a result of this demonstration.)

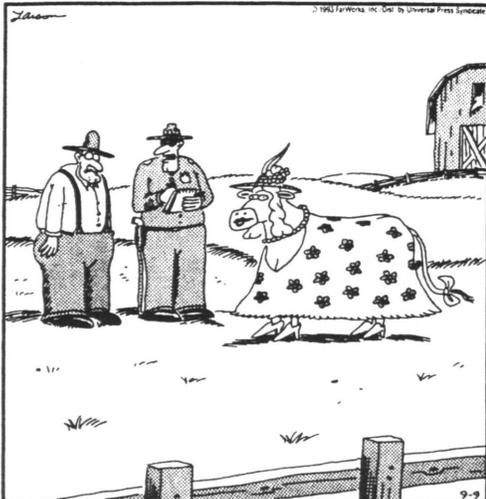
Eventually, Elaine Douglass moved to Utah, where she became State Director. In light of the Bigelow fracas and other recent matters, she has now become one of four key ufologists pushing a document called "The Committee to Reform MUFON". It is interesting that one of the other three people pushing this petition is a woman named Marlee Spendlove (yes, really!), who is probably the Assistant Utah State Director and a personal friend of Elaine. Thus, so far this petition is not a broad-based effort. (Elaine is described by some as a chronic troublemaker, and in the February 2011 MUFON Journal she is harshly criticized for her naive opinions about UFO abductees.)

Briefly, these petition people want MUFON to change its charter in several ways so as to make it more democratic. There are four points, at least one of which is quite reasonable if true: Say they: "We know of instances in which 'Benefactors' - persons who have contributed \$1,000 each to MUFON and were given lifetime memberships - were stripped of that status. The granting of a lifetime membership is a contract that MUFON may not unilaterally renounce".

In the course of preparing this Rant, we have read several Net articles kindly provided by Vince Ditchkus, and we have also contacted several key MUFON members individually about the over-all controversy. We will not quote their private opinions here.

One opinion appearing on the Net stands out from all the others as being a bit more ludicrous. Long-time activist Larry Bryant states: "MUFON is heavily infiltrated by dis-

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"You were hit last night by some cult, Mr. Gilbert. ... Not the sickest cult I've ever seen, but a cult nonetheless."



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information agents, ex alphabet agents, and military Intelligence...It needs a severe house cleaning from the top down. Much of what MUFON does is contrary to contact with the benevolent highly advanced ETs, who don't want to deal with the petty bickering.... and censorship of higher knowledge." (How does he know all this??)...

Moving on, and quite apart from all this controversy, there is one member of the MUFON Board whom we really like and admire, especially as he and his wife Susan took the trouble to visit us here in Key West a few months ago. His name is Rob Swiatek, and he lives in Virginia.

Rob seems to agree with the basics of our present opinion regarding the UFO Mystery, etc. Your editor believes that all any of us know for sure is that we are dealing with an Unknown Intelligence, not necessarily from another planet. The links to the psychic and paranormal realms are very strange but cannot be ignored or denied. The endless variety of details in UFO sightings and in the appearance of UFO occupants means that the Intelligence is either indifferent to Earthlings, or perhaps it is deliberately avoiding proof of its existence. (Thus, no government conspiracy is necessary, to keep us in the dark!)...

There is much more to be said about all parts of the above Rant, but that's enough for now!...

"UFOs, MYTHS, CONSPIRACIES AND REALITIES"

This is the title of a brand new book written by Dr. John Alexander (who is also a retired Army Colonel). He has long operated in the shadowy realm of the CIA & governmental secrecy, in various capacities. He was, we believe, specifically involved in the long-defunct governmental attempts at Remote Viewing. (By the way, one of the reasons this program was eventually discontinued is that it simply didn't work very well!)

We have known Dr. Alexander slightly for many years, and have met him a couple of times. We know his wife Victoria even longer, as she used to be a UFO researcher in the New York City area before she met and married the good Doctor.

Sadly, we have not yet seen Alexander's book, but we have read a long, extremely interesting review of it, written by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, whom we know fairly well. Maccabee is a Navy physicist who has long been openly associated with the CIA. He also has a strong personal interest in the UFO subject, though he has not been able to find any secret UFO research project in the CIA. Maccabee's strong bias is that there must be such a program somewhere in the government, as he is a high-level True Believer. Alexander's belief, based on his own experiences at top levels of government, is that there simply isn't any such program anywhere, although UFOs, whatever

their origin may be, are real. Thus, if there is no government conspiracy, there can never be Disclosure - in spite of the persistent efforts of the exopolitics movement.

We hasten to add that Alexander's ufological opinions, which are very similar to our own, could theoretically be disinformation. There is no way to prove otherwise. But for the remainder of this short article we will simply assume that he is telling the truth as he knows it.

One seldom-mentioned confirmation of Dr. Alexaner's apparent belief system is that none of the former government and/or military witnesses who have gone public has ever been arrested or prosecuted for revealing UFO secrets. And, we might add, no one has ever been prosecuted for releasing the hundreds of supposed official secret documents in the MJ-12 file. Of course the reason for this is obvious; Most if not all of them are bogus, as the government determined long ago!

Says Maccabee in his review: "The author explains why the way that the bureaucracy appropriates and authorizes project funding and subsequently maintains project oversight makes it difficult to imagine that a top secret 'black' UFO program could remain undiscovered in spite of administration changes and consequent personnel changes, over these many years and in spite of the associated disputes over which programs to keep and which to kill. He also explains why it is unlikely that UFO research is carried out under wraps by a government defense research contractor. He discusses the UFO sightings and related statements by Presidents, the difficulties in briefing Presidents about the subject, and he points out that the consequences of a Presidential briefing would probably be no more than another Condon-type study (which reached negative conclusions)."

There is much, much more in the review and in the book. We wish someone would send us a (free) review copy!...

UNIDENTIFIED FLOATING BUILDINGS (UFB) :

Someone named Chris Holly has a web site called "The Strangest of the Strange UFO Reports". The January 15th posting is about several reports, received from very different locations over a considerable period of time, that have one very usual characteristic in common; These unidentified objects are described as having the size and shape of large floating buildings!

The first story is from a man who "owns a huge tract of land deep in the Canadian wilderness". (No name, exact location, or date are given.) One night he saw a "large rectangular building covered in bright white light that was hovering silently over the tree tops". There was no base of this large object on the ground. The "huge structure" was hovering behind the tree line at the back of one of his fields.

Another similar sighting happened to a woman traveling alone along a highway at night in southwest Texas in the Fall of 1999. As she drove along the highway, which she traveled frequently, she noticed just to the side of the road "some lights that looked like the lit windows of a tall building".

However, there were no real buildings anywhere near the area where she was driving. The object appeared to be standing in the middle of nowhere. She later told her son that the craft was the size of a 7 or 8 story building, with rectangular windows which were well lit from the inside. She could see no base where the structure should have been attached to the ground.

The author mentions two other very similar reports, which, like these, have few details, and he speculates that they represent a new kind of apparition, herein named UFB!...

NEWS BRIEFIES

A recent newspaper item informs us that the first cosmic census of planets in our Milky Way galaxy indicates fifty billion as an educated guess. Of these, at least five hundred million are in the not-too-hot, not-too-cold zone where life of some sort could exist. However, if we consider only highly intelligent life, the number would be much smaller.

The question remains - How would these creatures make it to Planet Earth, and why would they really want to? Only Stanton Friedman seems to have answers to these perplexing problems!...

Speaking of whom - We have to admit that Stan Friedman's ufological career has hit

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a new high point: He was, in late January, invited to the fifth annual Global Competitiveness Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. There he spoke as a member of a panel discussing "Contact: Learning from Outer Space". If this is really the title of their topic, it seems incredible that (1) they were given so little speaking time to express their views; (2) By implication, many of the other attendees must believe in, or at least be seriously interested in, the existence of mysterious UFOs!

Other panel members included: The brilliant physicist Dr. Jacques Vallee, whose UFO views differ from Friedman's in interesting ways, though both are Believers; Nick Pope, the Englishman who has made a career out of the fact that he was, for a time, assigned to the "UFO desk" of his country's governmental structure; Michio Kaku, "an astrophysicist who has spoken enthusiastically about the possibility of space aliens"; and an Egyptian scholar named Zaghoul El Naggar.

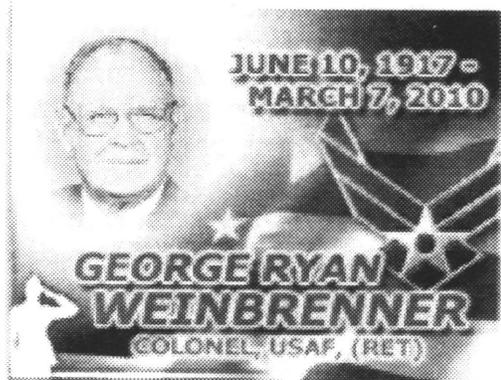
Other speakers and attendees included a large number of world leaders in business, finance, and politics. Former President Bill Clinton was apparently among the celebrities who spoke.

Good Show!...

If you happen to be wondering why Contributing Editor Dr. Chris Roth has disappeared from our pages, rest assured that this is only temporary.

Dr. Roth and his wife (who is also a Ph.D.) will be teaching in China until late June of this year.

Our other Ph.D., Tim Brigham, whose specialty is the human mind, is still with us, as is (of course) Vince Ditchkus, whose specialty is Golf...



Anthony Bragalia is at it again, with another Net Rant which is new, different, and highly interesting, though as usual he speculates wildly and proves nothing.

This article is about a little-known military installation in a remote part of the desert of western Utah. It is called Dugway Proving Grounds, and it develops defenses against chemical, radiological, and biological attacks on the United States.

According to Bragalia, there have been reports of "shutdowns, strange incidents and UFO sightings", making this base even more mysterious than "Area 51".

Of all the ET evidence mentioned herein by Bragalia, the most tantalizing is a statement attributed to Colonel George Weinbrenner, who at one time was Chief of the Foreign Technology Division at Wright Patterson Air

Force Base in Dayton, Ohio - a location that has long been linked to rumors about crashed UFOs, etc. In his last days and in failing health, Weinbrenner allegedly mentioned to his caretaker at a nursing home that "we have five aliens in Utah". He did not expand on this statement.

For some reason this reminds us of the well-known story that Richard Nixon, while President, personally drove comedian Jackie Gleason to Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, to look at dead alien bodies preserved there.

Did these strange things really happen?? You are free to believe what you like!...

**FOUNDER OF SAFE
DRIVING PROGRAM
KILLED IN CAR CRASH**



LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

Our friend WALT ANDRUS, founder of MUFON and for thirty years its International Director writes:

"In your recent 'Saucer Smear' you mentioned that Jacques Vallee rarely appears at UFO conventions. He has been involved with MUFON in at least three ways:

"(1) He submitted a paper that was published in the 1975 'UFO Symposium Proceedings' entitled 'UFO Research Proposals: What, Who, and How Much?'

"(2) Jacques lectured at the 1989 MUFON International UFO Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada. His paper was titled: 'Recent Field Investigations into Claims of UFO-Related Injuries in Brazil'.

"(3) The MUFON Field Investigator's Manual utilizes several items submitted by Vallee...His contributions will exist in MUFON's manuals long after Prof. Vallee is gone - as one of his accomplishments....

"A reply regarding the situation at MUFON Headquarters: There is no current mess at MUFON, and in fact the operation is better than ever. Jim Carrion's sudden resignation created an immediate replacement, because he gave no advance notice. (Very unprofessional!)

"Clifford Clift (the new International Director) has been on the Board for numerous years and is well qualified. I appointed him a State Section Director nearly twenty years ago.

"Janice Currie is doing an outstanding job as editor of the Journal, which is an asset. The investigative organization is better than ever. (Losing Carrion was a blessing, not a problem.) So, there is no mess at MUFON. I am proud of the MUFON leadership..."

JOHN SCHUESSLER, who is a past International Director of MUFON, writes:

"Supreme Commander:

"It is really nice to have you continuing to publish 'Saucer Smear'. I look forward to reading every issue. I hope you are healthy and enjoying life in Florida.

"I am enclosing my (cash) offering of assistance. Please keep me on your mailing list..."

DR. LEO SPRINKLE, a famed abduction researcher (though a bit less famous than Hopkins and Jacobs), writes as follows:

"...In my opinion, UFO activity is one aspect of a huge educational program. The program can be called 'cosmic consciousness conditioning'.

"This educational program apparently is conducted by representatives of extraterrestrial (ET) and/or ultraterrestrial (UT) civilizations. These representatives (UFOLKS) seem to be highly sophisticated, both technically and ethically. They can remain 'invisible' to the human eye, and to the dominant Earth culture, except when they choose to arrange an encounter. The purpose of these encounters seems to be an initiation for the individual, and a stimulus to society, so that human development moves from Planetary Persons to Cosmic Citizens.

"Thus, UFO contactees view themselves as 'pawns' or as 'partners' of UFOLKS, depending upon their psychological, social, and spiritual development...

"If this hypothesis of UFO activity has merit, then we can anticipate further UFO reports which confound our view of science and reality. Further, we can predict that UFO 'games' will continue along the lines of military and physical games; sexual and biological games; political and psychosocial games; and healing and spiritual games.

"The purpose of these serious/silly games apparently is to puzzle and prod humanity, individually and collectively, so that - gradually - humanity learns to accept Suffering and Joy as twin aspects of change and growth. The eventual goal seems to be an integration of planetary forces and achieving twin tasks: Sufficient scientific knowledge for space/time travel, and sufficient spiritual knowledge for compassionate interaction with other levels of consciousness.

"In my opinion, we UFO contactees are being tested and cultivated. Through 'signs' and 'symbols,' we continue to explore our fears, angers, hopes and potentials..."

Famed researcher GREG BISHOP, editor of the long-defunct print zine "The Excluded Middle". writes:

"Recently Nick Redfern and I were interviewed on Tim Binnall's show for a 'wrapup' of the year in UFOs. Later we found that listeners were apparently upset with us for a variety of reasons. The majority of the wrath seemed to center around the Emma Woods case. Both Nick and I said that we really didn't care what happened, because it would invariably not change the abduction research community or their methodologies. Public scandals and problems with these people have been going on for years: John Mack was lied to by a supposed abductee and he believed her until it was revealed that she was a skeptic who wanted to make him look incompetent; and Richard Boylan had his license revoked by the state board (of California) because of accusations of misconduct with female abductees. Neither of these episodes changed abduction research one iota, and this new Woods/Jacobs business will most assuredly not change anything either. Woods and Jacobs appear to be laboring under a variety of misconceptions that are confusing (and worse) to the vast majority of the population, which is why no outside force will move to prosecute or at least investigate the dilemma...

"As long as UFOs refuse to appear on demand and for close inspection, this stalemate will continue. Any breakthrough will most likely come from an area of study that lies outside of the UFO research community, and then people won't care what 'UFO experts' have to say...."

KATHY KASTEN writes as follows, expanding on her statements in our last issue:

"Over the years, I have been able to separate the events validated in the agreed-upon reality and those that transpired in very real ways but in an alternate reality. In general, I understand that humans are able to consciously or unconsciously shift into an altered state while relaxed, - such as driving a car, sitting out on the porch watching the sky, falling asleep, etc.

"While in that altered state, an individual can experience what is called paranormal events - 'para' meaning 'along side'. Therefore, events happening along side the normal. Some of us shift consciously. Some of us shift unconsciously, or at the will of the subconscious.

"So, when an individual sees a light in the sky, they may have been in an altered state. The event is very real to them. It's the same with 'alien abduction'. The individual having the experience is observed by their sleeping partner as laying next to the partner - possibly thrashing about, but still in the bed - still in the physical in the bedroom...

"By the way, I did not send you that article for publication. I sent you the article for your own personal use. I have read the 'Saucer Smear' rag for years and know the length of articles you do publish. The stuff you publish is brief paragraphs from letters you claim you receive from people who read the rag."

TIM CRAWFORD, President & CEO of UFO-TV, writes:

"I recently received your latest issue of 'Saucer Smear' and I was disheartened to see that you announced that 'Saucer Smear' is now available on the Fate Magazine web site, but you omitted the fact that 'Saucer Smear' is also available on the UFOTV web site as well. I would have hoped that an announcement of this type would have instead read as: 'Saucer Smear' is now available on both the UFOTV web site and the Fate Magazine web site. This would demonstrate that your distribution is growing. Your announcement could also lead people to believe that 'Saucer Smear' is now only available from Fate Magazine's web site. I would appreciate it if you could correct this matter and let your readers know that they can download 'Saucer Smear' from www.UFOTV.com as well as www.Fatemag.com...

"A Canadian filmmaker named David Cherniack has produced a 3-part film that was inspired by Jerome Clark's UFO Encyclopedia. The film is called 'UFOs The Secret History' and we believe it to be one of the finest films ever produced on UFOs and the history of the phenomenon...It comes with two extra DVDs in a box containing bonus interviews with leading UFO researchers...

"Thanks for your time and attention..."

DR. GARY POSNER of Tampa Bay (Florida) Skeptics writes as follows:

"Re: the 1992 Roper Organization survey referenced on Page 4 of your January 5th newsletter, from which Dr. John Mack and other UFO abductionists concluded that millions of Americans may have been victimized by aliens (of the non-Mexican persuasion.) I wrote two columns about this at the time for my local Mensa newsletter, and your faithful (and hopeless) readers may even wish to read them (at www.gpposner.com/Roper_Poll.html). One caveat: By publishing this paragraph, you affirm that you have read the columns (enclosed) and agree that they may have been the most brilliant analyses ever written on this or any other subject.

"And as for whether or not a person can be hypnotized over the telephone (also discussed on Page 4), ever since our recent phone conversation about this, hearing or reading the word 'smear' causes me to go to the bathroom and then spread feces on the walls, so obviously your experiment worked and you now know the answer!"

Weird! - Editor.

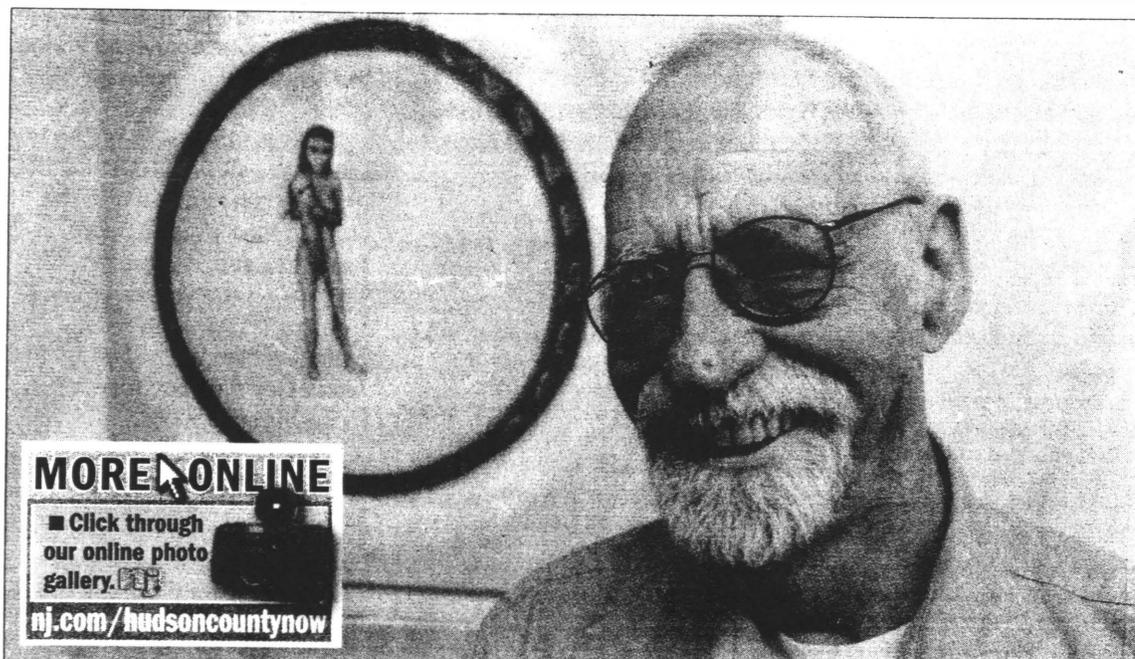
Researcher DENIS COREY writes:

"I believe 'Smear' has regrouped over the past several years, and is even more polished, informative, fun, positive and upbeat than ever. It seems you have been re-energized, possibly somewhat by the successful addition of new contributors..."

Non-subscriber SETH JOSEPH WEINE writes:

"The latest issue of 'Saucer Smear' is as interesting as ever - by which I mean consumingly! Thanks for explaining the 'J.S.' after your name. I had always assumed that it was a variant of the 'S.J.' which the Jesuits put after their names, and I had concluded that your version indicated you were a 'prince of the church', though I wasn't sure of which denomination in the Pleiades. In any case, thanks for clearing up the initial thing. Personally, to me the letters mean; 'James Moseley = Just Superlative'...."

"Due to human biases of perception and decision-making, it would be extremely hard to investigate edge phenomena like UFOs and lake monsters. This is not said to discourage or disparage these phenomenas' valient investigators, but rather to point out what they (and all of us) are up against..."



PAMELA SUCHY JOURNAL PHOTO

"ARTIST-ABDUCTEE" David Huggins stands in his Hoboken studio with his painting "Baby Being Shown." This and other extra-terrestrial-themed works by Huggins will be featured in an exhibit at Balance Hair Salon in Jersey City which opens tomorrow. = 2/11.

Western Somerset Mercury, 3 July 2008

Turkey toilet Sex ordeal

3 Mail, 23 July 2008

Batman is 'bailed over 'assault' on his mother