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1996 Print Articles

Latest articles first.

- **12/31/96:** [Conspiracy Mania Feeds Our Growing National Paranoia](#), an overview of popular conspiracy legends, mentioning Area 51 and the Janet flights. *Newsweek*.
- **11/18/96:** "[Group Retraces Trail of Lost Gold Seekers](#): Backpackers OK'd to pass through Area 51." A non-story beomes front page news when the *Las Vegas Sun* printed a nonsense article on its front page, which it soon retracted.
- **11/14/96:** [Reuters Article on Rachel](#) in CNN Travel News. **Drivel.**
- **11/8/96:** [Court overturns Area 51 ruling. Feds won't be allowed to interview workers](#)*, *Las Vegas Sun*.
- **10/18/96:** "Strange Universe" (Syndicated TV show) airs segment on Rachel feud between Campbell and Traveses.
- **10/1/96:** [Judge OKs questioning of ex-base workers](#) *Las Vegas Review-Journal*
- **9/24/96:** [TOP SECRET: U.S. holding Nazi war criminals in secret Area 51 in Nevada -- as slave scientists to build weapons!](#) *Weekly World News*.
- **9/19/96:** [A recent DOE symposium on Nuclear Secrets](#)* is reported in the 9/19 *Sun*. Makes passing mention of Area 51.
- **9/16/96:** [Workers Appeal Area 51 Ruling](#)* reports the *Las Vegas Sun*.
- **8/28:** *Las Vegas Review-Journal*: "[Appeal Expected on Groom Lake](#)", indicates that the appeal of the Area 51 hazardous waste lawsuit was probably filed in San Francisco.

Former workers at the Air Force Groom Lake base today will appeal the dismissal of a federal lawsuit

claiming they were made ill and injured by environmental crimes at the installation.

- **8/28:** *Las Vegas Sun*: "[Feds Want Taxes From Counties](#)". The Federal government has sued to obtain taxes previously collected by three Nevada counties against private contractors on military bases. Although the suit does not involve Lincoln County, the outcome could affect whether local property taxes can be collected from Groom Lake contractors. [If you can't access this article, see [note above](#).]
- **8/9:** *Las Vegas Sun*, "[Contractors say they're unaware of Area 51 probe](#)". Three military contractors say they have no knowledge of a federal investigation into environmental crimes allegedly committed at a classified military base in Southern Nevada.
- **8/8:** News article, *Las Vegas Sun*, "[Feds investigating burning of hazardous waste at Area 51](#)."
- **8/8:** News article, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, "[U.S. Investigation into Air Force Base Winds Down](#)."
- **8/7/96**, News article, *London Observer*, "[Nightmare in Dreamland](#)". *Hack Journalism from Britain. See how many errors you can find.*
- **8/1:** *Politically Incorrect*. Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin defends need for secrecy at Area 51. [[Report](#)]
- **8/96:** Magazine article, *Skeptical Inquirer*,* "[Travels on the Extraterrestrial Highway](#)". Report on E.T. Highway.
- **7/29:** Opinion, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, "[Conning the tourists](#)", by Glenn Campbell.
- **7/23:** Advertisement, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, page 2D. "[The Extraterrestrial Highway](#)."
- **7/18:** News Transcript, [KLAS-TV Broadcast](#). *Report on release of documents pertaining to waste lawsuit.*
- **7/17:** *Las Vegas Sun*, "[Judge releases Groom Lake files](#)." *Fed documents used in lawsuit made public.* By Mary Manning.
- **7/14:** *The Observer*, "[Nightmare In Dreamland](#)." *A lawyer is threatened with jail as the US government claims the right to hide its crimes at a secret Air Base, reports Ed Vulliamy.*
- **7/14:** Usenet Post, "[Small Forest Fire Near Area 51](#)," by Glenn Campbell. *Report on fire seen within Groom restricted area.*
- **7/5:** Newspaper Article, *Las Vegas Sun*, "[Tourism Panel Unveils E.T. Highway Member Kit](#)." *List of attractions available to travelers.*
- **7/4:** News Transcript, [KLAS-TV 5:00 PM Broadcast](#). *George Knapp criticizes Newsweek and Glenn Campbell for ET Highway/ID4 position.*
- **7/2:** KTNV-Ch. 13, Las Vegas, 6pm news. *Story on ID4 with sound bites by Glenn Campbell.*
- **7/96:** *Nevada Magazine*, "[The Road Out There](#). Visitors keep their eyes on the skies while traveling the ET Highway." By Carolyn Graham.
- **7/96:** Magazine Article, *New Dawn*, "[Ufos, Area 51 & The New World Order: An Interview With Ufo Researcher Norio Hayakawa](#)."
- **6/6:** Magazine Article, *Las Vegas New Times*: "[True Believers: Vegas UFO watchers are everywhere, but where are the aliens?](#)" Story by Anne Hosier. *Profile of UFO Groups in Las Vegas.*
- **6/5:** Cartoon, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, "[Nevada Test Site Enters Space Age](#)". (52 k jpg)
- **5/26:** *San Francisco Examiner*, "[UFO gimmick polarizes Nevada town: Extraterrestrial Highway brings tourists - some locals make money, some regret changes](#)." By Gordon Dillow.
- **5/17:** *Las Vegas Sun*, "[Air Force Anti-Nuke Dump, Too: Concern focuses on routes going through off-limits areas](#)", by Mary Manning. *The Air Force says the proposal to ship high-level nuclear waste to Southern Nevada poses a national security threat to pilot training.*
- **5/6:** *Air Force Times*, "[Back Talk: Don't Renew Those Ufo Hunts](#)", by Robert F. Dorr.
- **4/19:** *Las Vegas Review Journal*, "[Hollywood invades the E.T. Highway: State officials, movie stars and directors help dedicate a stretch of road with an alien-themed title](#)", by Shaun McKinnon. *Report on E.T. Highway Unveiling.*
- **4/28:** Newspaper article, *Orange County Register*, "[Tourism ploy breeds alienation in windswept town](#)," by Gordon Dillow. *The newly christened Extraterrestrial Highway is drawing otherworldly types, unsettling Rachel, Nev.*
- **4/19:** *Las Vegas Sun*, "[Rural highway out of this world: Town of Rachel worries about latest attraction](#)", by Mary

- Manning. *Report on reservations over E.T. Highway.*
- **4/96:** *Popular Science*, "[Desert Blast!](#)". *Report on Lazar's fireworks show by Stuart F. Brown.*
 - **3/22:** *Las Vegas Review Journal*, "[Miller, 'aliens' To Converge](#): Stars of a new alien film will be on hand when the governor dedicates the Extraterrestrial Highway." *Report on upcoming unveiling of Alien Highway signs in Rachel.*
 - **3/22:** Unpublished. "[Airport Purchases Apartment Complex Near Janet Terminal](#): Future of Research Center Annex Unclear", by Glenn Campbell. *Clark County purchases Oasis Apartment Complex, future of A51RC Las Vegas annex unclear.*
 - **3/21:** *Las Vegas Sun*, "[When an unclassified document is stamped 'top secret'](#)." By Richard Vuernick. [[Local copy.](#)]
 - **3/20:** AP Wire, "[Nevada's New 'Extraterrestrial Highway' Gets Hollywood-Style Launch With 20th Century Fox's 'Independence Day'](#); Gov. Miller, Film's Stars To Attend Unveiling And Dedication Ceremony"
 - **3/9:** *New York Times*, "[Quiet Nevada Town On E.T. Road Banking On Ufo Lore](#)".
 - **3/8:** *Las Vegas Sun*, "[Area 51 Highway Serious Business](#): Resident fears road's more mundane dangers". *Glenn Campbell voices concerns over Alien Highway designation.*
 - **3/7:** *Las Vegas Sun*, "[Judge Throws Out Groom Lake Suit](#): Workers' case called threat to security", by Rachael Levy. *A Las Vegas federal judge tossed out a lawsuit brought by former workers at a secret Nevada military base where illegal toxic-waste burning is alleged to have occurred.*
 - **3/6:** [Campbell's Report on Alien Highway](#), describing dangers to tourists. (66k)
 - **3/4:** *Electronic Engineering Times*, "For The Next Generation, It's The 'X-Files'", by Larry Lange.
 - **3/96:** *Aviation History*, "[Stealth Secrets Of The F-117 Nighthawk](#): It's development was kept under wraps for 14 years, but by 1991, the F-117 nighthawk had become a household word." By Don Holloway. *Numerous mentions of Groom's role in development of F-117.*
 - **2/20:** *Las Vegas Review Journal*, "[Aliens given own road](#): State Route 375 renamed the Extraterrestrial Highway".
 - **2/17:** *Las Vegas Review Journal*, "[Unions Win Representation Elections For Workers At Groom Lake](#)". *Company holding a top-secret Defense Department contract cuts deals with three unions allowing elections.*
 - **2/16:** *NYT, Helsingin Sanoma* (the weekly supplement to Finland's largest newspaper, in Helsinki), "[Tukikohta X](#)" ("Base X"), by Sami Soininen. *A lengthy original report on Area 51, in Finnish.*
 - **2/8:** *Wall Street Journal*, "[A Secret Air Base Hazardous Waste Act, Workers' Suit Alleges](#): U.S. Cites National Security In Fighting Claims Tied to Toxic Disposal Fires". *Report on Groom Hazardous Waste lawsuit.*
 - **2/6:** Press release, "[U.S. Department of Energy Issues Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Nevada Test Site.](#)"
 - **2/5:** *Aviation Week*, "[Groom Lake Tests Target Stealth](#)", pages 26-27.
 - **2/5:** *Aviation Week*, "[Pilots To Leave Cockpit In Future Air Force](#)", pages 26-28.
 - **2/2:** *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, "[Rural road may help E.T. find home](#): A new designation for Highway 375 Is no longer an alien concept to the state Transportation Board." *Nevada Transportation Board renames Highway 375 despite descision of state legislature.*
 - **2/96:** *Nevada Magazine*, "[The Big Chill](#)". *Brief mention of Groom Lake during 1937 storm, page 16.*
 - **1/31:** [Determination Exempting USAF from Conservation Laws](#). ([Original exemption order](#), 9/29/95.)
 - **1/28:** *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, "[Defense Secretary Foresees Continuing Role For Nellis](#): William Perry talks about U.S. troops in Bosnia and Groom Lake safety during a stopover in Las Vegas."
 - **1/23:** *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, "[Television Station Loses Bid to Have Material Opened Up](#)". *Short article reports the KLAS-TV motion in toxic suit dismissed.*
 - **1/23:** *Las Vegas Sun*, "[Judge Shuts Door On Area 51 Action](#): TV station's request for secret data denied."
 - **1/13:** *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, "[Groom Lake Secrets Tougher To Keep](#): Judge Rejects Government Argument To Ease Conditions For Secrecy".

1996 Television Shows & Segments

- **3/17:** *60 Minutes*. "[Area 51: Catch 22](#)." Producer, Richard Bonin, correspondent, Leslie Stahl. *Report on lawsuit against Air Force.*

- **2/26:** "Spies in the Sky". PBS's "The American Experience". Documentary on the development and history of the U2 spy plane. Numerous mentions of Groom Lake. [[Review](#)]
- **2/5:** [KLAS report on Hangar 18](#).

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- **1996.12.22:** [The Truth is Out There on Nevada Highway](#)+ (175 lines) - Article reprint - Event: 12/22/96 - Published: 12/22/96 - Source: The Hartford Courant <8/14/97 [#1](#)>

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