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July 1996

*Latest items first. Items followed by * reside on an external server.*

- **7/30:** Correspondent dressj@uh2715p01.daytonoh.ncr.com writes...

I am madder than Captain Kirk with a busted phaser over all the idiotic hullabaloo I've been hearing about space aliens this summer. Everybody seems to think the idea of Earth being invaded by a bunch of lizard men from planet X is a big joke. Well, I'm here to tell you that we'd better start preparing right now if we're going to have a chance at sending E.T. back from where he came.

Let's face it. A spaceship full of light bulb heads ain't gonna travel 4 billion light years to say Hi-have a nice day. What they are coming here for is to turn us all into slaves or into food. As food supplies dwindle on inhabited planets throughout our galaxie, these alien life forms will be forced to forage in deep space. I believe they will be meat eaters and thats where we come in. They will look at us like Liz Taylor looks at pork chops. All this talk about peace, love and understanding will get you ate! I hate to use this cliché, but the only good alien is a dead alien.

I'm not going to end up a cheeseburger just because the bleeding heart liberals want to make friends with them. If E.T. lands in my backyard I will be feeding him some buckshot and not Reece's pieces.

Another reader, ptupaczew@po15.wcc.lucent.com, responds (8/1): "Mr. 'dressj' has lifted, almost word-for-word, the most recent 'Ed Anger' column from Weekly World News."

- **7/30:** New [Las Vegas Media Revolving Door](#) page lists local reporters who have "switched sides" and are now working for government and industries they once reported on.

In Las Vegas, there appears to be a long tradition, especially in local television, of journalists taking comfortable jobs with the same industries and government offices they once reported on. There is nothing illegal about this, but it certainly suggests a shift in personal philosophy. The responsibility of a journalist is to report the truth; the responsibility of a public relations officer or media consultant is to report whatever truth his employer pays him for.

- **7/29: Opinion:** *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, ["Conning the tourists"](#), by Glenn Campbell.

On page 2D of the July 23 Review Journal appears an ad from the Nevada Division of Tourism promoting

the "Extraterrestrial Highway." A photo shows a flying saucer abducting a cow from the road. In the text, the state of Nevada all but promises UFO encounters to tourists who visit this remote region....

- **7/26: Announcement.** [Leviathan Cave hike](#) planned for late August.

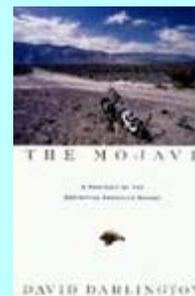
On Saturday August 24, 1996 (or Sunday Aug. 25), the Area 51 Research Center will be sponsoring a public hike to Leviathan Cave, a mountaintop cavern system about 15 miles north of Rachel, Nevada. (Rachel is about a 2-1/2 hour drive north of Las Vegas.) The hike will be long and strenuous -- at least 4 hours to get from base level to the entrance of the cave. Although anyone is welcome to attempt it, this is not a hike for most casual tourists.

- **7/26: Expanded catalog entry.** [The Mojave: A Portrait of the Definitive American Desert](#) has been added to the redesigned [Desert Geography Section](#) of our mail order catalog.

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- **7/26: Added to archive,** [June 24, 1994 article](#) from *New York Times Magazine* about Area 51. Also ran 7/17/94 *San Francisco Chronicle/Examiner*. Visit by reporter and photographer reported in [DR#6](#).

...Meanwhile, as Campbell continues playing to an ever-increasing audience, his efforts are not lost on the Air Force, which he's placed on his "Desert Rat" mailing list for free. "We read his publication," says Air Force Col. Douglas Kennett, "and we know what Mr. Campbell's doing near a base that may -- or may not -- exist. While Mr. Campbell says the base is there, and while the Soviets appear to have photographed a base there, the Air Force is also aware of those times when Mr. Campbell or Russian spy satellites might be looking us over -- and we can adjust our activities for that. That is, if any activities are going on at a base that may -- or may not -- exist."...



- **7/25: Expanded catalog entry.** [Nevada: True Tales From The Neon Wilderness](#) has been added to the redesigned [Desert Geography Section](#) of our mail order catalog.

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- **7/25:** Our [Nevada Links Page](#) has been greatly expanded.

"The moral of the story is that there ain't no moral. The main rule in Nevada is that there ain't no rules because that's what people want.... Crooks are heros here. Heros are crooks. Logic doesn't matter here, because it don't work."



- **7/24: Added to archive,** [7/14 article from The Observer](#) (U.K.) concerning [Groom Lake Hazardous Waste Lawsuit](#).

...The workers are suing the government. It, in turn, is threatening to imprison their lawyer, Jonathan Turley, if he refuses to hand over all his case papers which it asserts include classified documents. These would reveal the names of his clients and their evidence....

- **7/24:** [The TWA Flight 800 - UFO Connection](#) is reported on the net. *It had to happen.*

- **7/24: Biplane Reveals Time Rift at Area 51?** Reader muaddib@inreach.com writes:

On 7/22/96, I was parked by the side of the road at Queen City Summit (just outside the Lincoln County border) watching 3 or 4 fighters doing some stunts. Over the course of an hour (noon to 1 p.m.), I was buzzed 7 times by an old camouflage painted biplane, a couple times within a couple hundred feet. After the seventh time, I heard a helicopter coming, it raised up from behind a hill next to Hwy. 375 and flew

over the road at about 20 feet, coming within about 30 feet of me. The copilot was watching me during the whole flyby. The helicopter was one of those kind you see in Vietnam movies, with the open cargo hold where a gunner would be. I was focused on the copilot so I don't recall if there was a gunner there.

At last we may have evidence of a **Tesla time vortex at Area 51** sucking in an aircraft from the 1930s, and spitting it out in the present day. As usual, though, there are alternate explanations. Just to the south of the highway below Queen City Summit is the Penoyer Farm, growing alfalfa with well water. Periodically, crop dusters spray the fields, and repeated flights over the highway would be consistent with their turnaround after each pass. The helicopter is probably on a military maneuver connected with the Red Flag exercises now under way. Helicopters are used to recover "downed" pilots during these exercises, and ground-hugging flight is the norm. (The Pave Hawk helicopters from Area 51 have rarely been sighted so far from the base.)

...OR it could be a Tesla time vortex. The helicopter was after the biplane to shoot it down and restore the integrity of the continuum.

[See 8/7 update in [August What's New.](#)]

- **7/23:** [Advertisment for E.T. Highway](#) in *Las Vegas Review Journal*. Added to [E.T. Highway page](#).

A desolate desert highway. The allure of the unknown. And the possibility of that chance encounter. It's Nevada Highway 375, the newly designated Extraterrestrial Highway that the talk of the galaxy....

- **7/23: Added to archive**, 7/17 article in *Las Vegas Sun*, "[Judge releases Groom Lake files](#): Fed documents used in lawsuit made public." *Article pertains to [Hazardous Waste Lawsuit](#) and mentions "[Groom Lake Security Manual](#)."*

A Las Vegas federal judge has released a foot-thick stack of government documents, adding details to a lawsuit brought by former workers at the Air Force's secret Groom Lake base....

- **7/22: UFO Wine.** Someone sent us two bottles of wine with the name "Le Cigare Volant," or "The Flying Cigar." Pictured on the label is a flying craft shooting a red ray down on the vineyards. We searched the web and came up with [this explanation](#)*, including a facsimile of the label. Here is [a review of the wine itself](#)* and its sister, [Vin Gris de Cigare](#)*. There's also a [Cigare Volant t-shirt](#)*.

In 1954 the village council of Chateau-du-Pape was quite perturbed and apprehensive that flying saucers or "flying cigars" might do damage to their vineyards were they to land therein. So, right-thinking men all, they passed an ordinance prohibiting the landing of flying saucers or flying cigars in their vineyards. (This ordinance has worked well in discouraging such landings.) The ordinance further states that any flying saucers or flying cigars that did land were to be taken immediately to the pound.

- **7/22: "Area 51" Copyright?** A reader sends a question and we reply....

Q: Is there a copyright on the name Area 51?

A: We conducted some research into this a few months ago. Under U.S. law, you cannot "copyright" a name, only a document or work of art. You can copyright a *design* featuring the name but not the name itself.

You might be able to take out a "trademark" for a name for a particular purpose. A Star Trek paraphernalia company, 800-TREKKER, claims a trademark on [all T-shirts, coffee mugs, bumper stickers, etc. with "Area 51" on it](#)*, but we don't think the claim would hold up if challenged. The [US trademark law](#)* excludes names that are wholly geographical. In certain instances, a geographical name can be used as a trademark to distinguish a unique product line, like Patagonia outdoor wear. 800-TREKKER's products are not unique, however. They have only slapped the name on some generic merchandise -- and without much

creativity. ("Property of Area 51," etc.)

The Research Center regards "Area 51" is a public domain name useable by anyone, just like "New York," "Las Vegas," etc. (The public paid for it didn't they? And products of the government are not subject to trademark or copyright anyway.) We encourage everyone to liberally use and abuse the name "Area 51" in all contexts, public and private. **Beat it 'til it's dead, we say!**

- **7/22: Area 51 blacked out from USGS images.** A reader (J.E.W.) writes:

I decided to look for maps or aerial photos of "Area 51" in the [USGS's declassified Web archive](#)*. This is supposed to be an archive of declassified spy satellite photos from the 60s and 70's. Using their search device I entered the longitude and latitude for "Area 51" (got it from your area 51 FAQ section) and got 77 photos to look at on-line. Really thought I had found something. But alas, any of the photos that had potential had been previously edited from the original negs with a big black blob over the good stuff. These guys never miss a step. Also the USGS's online list of quadrangles has two blanks for the Area 51 sections. This place really doesn't exist.

- **7/22: Added to archive, [7/18 KLAS transcript](#)** about release of documents related to Area 51.

Hundreds of pages of documents related to Nevada's infamous Area 51 military base have been made public by order of a federal judge. The action was taken in response to legal motions filed by Channel 8. However, the Pentagon is still withholding other sensitive material, in defiance of the court....

- **7/21: New book for sale.** [Sartre for Beginners](#) has been added to the redesigned [Philosophy Section](#) of our mail order catalog.

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- **7/20: [Forest Fire followup](#).** (See 7/14) The fire in the Groom Range out.

- **7/20: George Knapp on Gene Huff.** In his [Knapp Report for July/August](#) [[original location](#)*], Las Vegas TV reporter and Lazar supporter [George Knapp](#) comes to the defense of Lazar non-representative [Gene Huff](#).



Flame Wars! If you think the exchanges you've read between that infamous Internet assassin Gene Huff and various UFO nincompoops has been heated so far, head for the fallout shelters. Contrary to the initial impressions of some, Huff is willing and able to address issues of mutual interest, answer tough questions, and engage in healthy, spirited debate without resorting to personal invective. But when challenged or insulted by boneheads, he is a most fearsome adversary. Got a question about Bob Lazar's background? Ask it. Who knows? Want to engage in nasty speculation or take a shot based on something you heard somewhere? Then put the women and kids in the storm cellar. Fortunately, Gene does not have access to thermonuclear weapons (although we aren't certain about this), because we've heard that he is about to unleash an assault that won't be pretty

This is... ah... interesting. We didn't know Knapp was active on the 'net. (Apart from this column on a third-party site, we haven't seen any evidence of him on-line.) Is his evaluation of Huff on-target? Judge for yourself: For a listing of newsgroup posts by Huff, consult [Deja News](#)*, searching for "gufon@ix.netcom.com" in both the Current and Old databases. We found 696 references (including duplicates and replies). Hular *is* the newsgroups, and Knapp must have done many hours of on-line research to come to his conclusions. Curiously, we have heard a similar opinion of Huff only from one other person: Bob Lazar. Perhaps we have just discovered a new entity -- **Knaphular!**

Hmmm.... wonder who will be the target for the next wave of entirely justified flameage. Storm doors closing!....

In the same column, Knapp offers support for the E.T. Highway. One could charge conflict of interest here: At the E.T. Highway unveiling on April 18, Knapp was a paid speaker for Fox at the same time he was reporting on the event for his station. Although he had been informed of local opposition, he made no mention of it in his report. This is reminiscent of [earlier conflict-of-interest claims](#), in which Knapp allegedly reported on the Yucca Mountain Project at the same time he was a paid consultant for the nuclear industry.

Knapp also gives a standard evaluation of [Bill Cooper](#)....

Remember the infamous Bill Cooper, author of the mother of all conspiracy theories, involving aliens, a secret government, the New World Order, the Jasons, and everyone else except the Girl Scouts? Although Cooper has been largely written off as a blowhard profiteer, he continues to impress UFO neophytes and members of the conspiracy fringe. In a 1990 television series, this reporter was among the first to expose Cooper's fanatical ramblings. Soon, the Coopmeister will be scorched again by a longtime nemesis, Don Ecker. Ecker, who is the research director for UFO Magazine and the host of the syndicated radio show UFOs Tonight, is reportedly gathering ammo for a new assault. Anyone with dirt, info, or insight might want to contact Ecker. Of course, anyone who questions Cooper is automatically added to the mythical list of CIA operatives he supposedly read while serving as a pot-scrubber aboard some Navy tugboat. Please add our name to the list.

What Knapp and others don't understand is that Milton William Cooper is utterly unkillable. Like Hular, he overcomes all opposition by sheer volume and perseverance and will always prevail.

- **7/17:** Tom Mahood unveils his page on [Radar Ranges of the Mojave Desert](#)*.

No, I'm not talking about microwave ovens in the desert. What I'm referring to are also known as radar cross section (RCS) facilities. Why should these things be of any interest? Well, a segment of the UFO community has firmly latched on to the idea that these installations are simply covers for "underground bases." The stories go on to describe multiple levels (with the requisite genetic engineering labs) and discs zipping in and out through surface openings. And we don't want to overlook the underground tunnel systems that connect the facilities with Edwards AFB and even Area 51 (Ah, at last a connection!).

It would be pretty cool if it were true. But is it?...

- **7/17:** "[Alien/OS Bug](#)" report added to [ID4 page](#).

The CERT Coordination Center has received reports of weaknesses in Alien/OS that can allow species with primitive information sciences technology to initiate denial-of-service attacks against MotherShip(tm) hosts. One report of exploitation of this bug has been received....

- **7/15:** [Renaissance painting with an apparent UFO in the background](#) (30k). Titled "Le Madonna e San Giovauninio (sp?)" by Filippo Lippi (1406-1463). This photo came to us in 8/94 from someone in Italy who apparently sells a set of similar pictures: Daniela Giordano, I Cavalieri di Pagaso, Via A. Veneziano 120, 90138 Palermo, ITALY. Added to the [UFO Miscellanea](#) page.
- **7/15:** Rachel resident Don Day has started a [website advertising t-shirts and E.T. Highway memorabilia](#).* Offers a cool graphic of a blinking flying saucer in the latest Netscape. Added to our [Area 51 Social](#) page.
- **7/15:** **An Area 51-themed 3-D adventure game** for the PC is currently in development for release in December '96. [Screen-shots](#)* | [Original message](#)
- **7/14:** [Report of forest fire near Area 51](#) added to [1996 article archive](#).

Word has reached me that there is a small forest fire in the Groom Mountain Range about 15 miles NE of Area 51. The fire itself seems unremarkable, probably caused by lightning in the area, but it's location is mildly interesting, since it may be within a restricted military area....

- **7/14: [Las Vegas Buffets](#).** Campbells's Guide to Vegas' culinary staple, including a Top Ten list.

As a Las Vegas resident living near the Strip, I keep no food at home but eat exclusively at all-you-can-eat casino buffets. These massive feeding operations are intended to draw tourists into the casinos. Because they are subsidized by gambling, they can be an excellent value for non-gamblers....

- **7/14: Gossip from Rachel: Inn Holds Conspiracy Meeting, Sanitation Problems, Happy Camper Tours, Chuckie Discovers Tikaboo**

[Joe Travis](#), the Little A'Le'Inn's resident conspiracy theorist and official beer taster, held a small conspiracy/New World Order conference in Rachel last weekend (July 6-7, 1996). Lots of guns were present, but only about 10 cars. UFO con-man/militia guru [Bill Cooper](#) was there, as was a Frenchman identified by witnesses as [Jacques Vallée](#). Could this be real? Indeed, the "for'ner" was French, the name "Jacques Vallée" was used, and witnesses later identified him from his photo on a book jacket. All those frogs look alike, so we can't say it was him with complete confidence -- but what if it was? *Dites nous ça n'est pas vrai!* Cooper and Vallée on the same stage? -- Now there's an odd marriage, pretty much ending Vallée's long reign of credibility.

In other gossip, sanitation and ambiance remain a problem at the Little A'Le'Inn. Until recently, the end point of the sewage system was an open pit behind the trailers-slash-motel rooms. The dogs drank from it and children played nearby. One New York couple reported to us: "We've traveled in the Third World, but we've never stayed in a place as bad as this. The smell of sewage kept us up all night until we *had* to leave." The sewage pit has since been covered over, but it is not up to state code and may have to be dug up again. A travel writer came through a few days ago and said he could not recommend the Inn to his readers. It's not just the sanitation but the whole *zeitgeist* of the place, which the writer described as "spooky" -- rather like staying with the Addams Family. The collection of residents is certainly fascinating -- anthropologically speaking -- but you wouldn't want to relax here. For alternate lodging, try [Vegas](#) or one of the two motels in Alamo (at 702-725-3371). Food at the Inn, once the "best in town" is now only the second best (since Burnadine at the store started selling hot dogs). The Inn is still a "must stop" in Rachel, but if you order the "alien burger" be sure to ask if the aliens are fresh.

UFO photographer and Rachel resident [Kathleen Ford](#), who has probably taken more pictures of lens reflections and military flares than anyone, is now offering Area 51 tours. Her advertised "[Happy Camper Tours](#)" of the border include "psychic photography lessons." No word yet as to price, but we are eager to hear a report from anyone who signs up.

The Inn's resident UFO expert [Chuckie](#) has recently discovered Tikaboo Peak, a viewpoint overlooking the Groom Lake base, and has claimed it for the Little A'Le'Inn. We passed him and Kathleen on May 27 guiding their first tour of gullible tourists toward the peak - and into a lightning storm. No deaths were reported, but recent hikers say the peak is now a mess and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Black Budget has been destroyed. The shrine contained a Madonna and various icons and offerings brought by hikers. Now the Madonna and icons are gone and the rock enclosure is burned out. We have no evidence Chuckie did it, but his presence is an indicator that the Morons have arrived. Chuckie *is* responsible for the graffiti now covering the peak advertising his "Area 51 and S-4 Handbook: Banned at the Area 51 Research Center." Not only has he ripped off our book, patch and information; he even ripped off our slogan: "Banned at the Little A'Le'Inn." Still, you got to give Chuckie credit: He did the research to discover this viewpoint. This consisted of reading our "[Area 51 Viewer's Guide](#)," but, hey, at least he can read!

- **7/14: Bill Cooper UFO Sighting.** Radio monitor Larry Van Horn of Monitoring Times confirms Cooper's Rachel visit...

Just thought I would pass along a note (in case you didn't know) that your old friend Bill "I'm going to sue you" Cooper was in your area doing his Area 51 thing last week. As reported by Mr. Wonderful last night on his SW radio show, him and his group saw a disk shaped object Saturday night (July 6) near Groom Lake (sorry I was half asleep - 12:30 EDT). I do believe he said they would have more on his Monday (this week show) including phone calls from some of the folks that were with him about what they saw on the 6th. He even mentioned that some of the images being seen out there could be produced by holograms. Anyway, check out 5065 kHz on Monday evening for a good laugh.

- **7/14: First Wedding at Little A'Le'Inn.** The only thing more romantic than a wedding in Vegas...



Sorry for the late notice, as the wedding already took place. *Beer and alien burgers for everyone!*

- **7/12:** Details for the [July 27 Tikaboo Hike](#) posted.

Everyone in the world is invited to a free public hike of Tikaboo Peak, an 8000-foot mountain overlooking the secret Groom Lake air base at Area 51 (and offering a fine view in other directions as well). We will meet at 9:00 am, Saturday, July 27, 1996, at milepoint LN 32.2 on US-93, about 86 miles north of Las Vegas. The hike is sponsored by the Area 51 Research Center....

- **7/11:** [List of songs](#) mentioning Area 51 added to [Area 51 in Popular Culture](#) page.
- **7/11:** Additions to [Area 51 Photos page](#), including photos of the base.
- **7/11:** Major additions to the [Hungary UFO Research page](#), including ufologists, UFO groups and general information on the country.
- **7/11:** [Definition of compulsive gambling](#) and other gambling links added to [Las Vegas Page](#).

Compulsive gambling is a step beyond obsession into personality disorder. The defining characteristic of compulsive gambling is that it is uncontrollable. Like obsessive gamblers, compulsive gamblers want to keep playing; but unlike *all* other gambling behaviors, compulsive gambling is not constrained either by the characteristics of the gambling games themselves or by the prospect, or even the actual fact, of unaffordable losses....

- **7/11:** New links added for philosopher Albert Camus on [Existentialism Page](#).

- **7/11:** New page on [Mormonism](#) focusing on skeptical links. *Momonism is the predominant religion of Utah and rural Nevada.*

- **7/10:** *The Toronto Star*, [report about UFO contactee](#) who disapproves of ID4's portrayal of aliens.

MONTREAL (CP) -- 'Independence Day' may be off to an earth-shaking start at the box office, but it hasn't impressed Rael, a self-proclaimed extraterrestrial amabassador to Earth.

Rael, author of a book called 'Space Aliens Took Me To Their Planet', says the movie gives the wrong idea about the mild-mannered beings who inhabit another planetary system....

- **7/9:** [CSETI press release](#) criticizing the portrayal of extraterrestrials in the film *Independence Day*.

CSETI, The Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, in response to the media coverage of the recent release of the movie "Independence Day", is concerned about the growing trend towards negative portrayals of non-human life forms....

- **7/8:** [Review of ID4 in Newsweek](#). Generally favorable.

...Which brings us to "Independence Day." Unless you were sharing a cabin with the Unabomber, you already know what it's about (space aliens invade the planet, Earth fights back). So does it live up to the hype? Well, if I were a 10-year-old boy, I'd probably think it was the coolest movie going. Actually, I saw this movie when I was 10, for it turns out to be a reincarnation of a cheeseball '50s B science-fiction flick, albeit a B movie that cost \$70 million and comes with a PG-13 rating, which means its ideal audience needs Mom's and Dad's consent. (Give it.)...

- **7/6:** [ID4 reviewed in July 5 Wall Street Journal](#). Panned. Includes biographies of stars.

As I watched the alien invaders in "Independence Day" zap the White House and pretty much everything else on the face of the earth, I tried my best to suspend disbelief, and succeeded in the wrong way. In a summer of aggressively dumb big movies, I do believe this one is the dumbest....

The review contains yet another reference to [Hungary](#)...

It made me reconsider something I'd once heard at a dinner party attended mostly by scientists. One of them was saying that if you wanted to make a case for extraterrestrials having visited this planet, all you had to do was point to Hungary, a small country that has produced an astonishing number of superintelligent physicists, mathematicians and other seminal thinkers, not to mention Nobel laureates. A spaceship, this man said, must have landed in Budapest. But what if he was wrong? What if it landed in Hollywood?

- **7/6:**The State of Nevada is inviting tourists to become "[official Members of the E.T. Highway Experience Association](#)." Members will receive a free glow-in-the-dark license plate frame and bumper sticker. Call 800-NEVADA-8 for a free tourism kit and possible t-shirt. (And remember: The Truth is Out There.) [2524, etc]

..."Since inexplicable phenomena happen randomly, we have created the ET Experience, a club and membership kit featuring some of the more reliable attractions on the route," said Lt. Gov. Lonnie Hammargren, chairman of the tourism panel....

- **7/6:** [Interview with conspiracy theorist Norio Hayakawa](#) claiming ID4 is part on "New World Order" conspiracy.[Local copy](#) | [New Dawn Magazine](#)

...There is no doubt that the technology is here that would enable the scientists and militarist to ingeniously stage such a fake event. Recent movies such as "The Arrival" and "Independence Day" are conditioning us

and hyping us to accept such an outside "threat"....

- **7/6:** [Polo Towers WebCam](#) offering live shots of the Las Vegas Strip. The [Janet](#) terminal is probably blocked by the MGM. Jets might occasionally be seen taking off between the MGM and the pyramid and heading upward to the right.
- **7/5: Base Holiday.** As with every other optional holiday, workers at the Groom Lake base got the day off today. There was no 737 traffic out of the Las Vegas [Janet](#) terminal. (Unlike *Independence Day*, workers at the real Area 51 played it cool this July 4 weekend.)
- **7/5:** [Area 51 Frequently Asked Questions](#). Answered by the Area 51 Research Center, 6/26/96.
- **7/4: George Knapp criticizes Newsweek and Glenn Campbell** for ET Highway/ID4 position in his ["Street Talk" commentary](#) on 5pm newscast of KLAS-TV (Las Vegas Channel 8).

"Did you see the latest cover story in Newsweek? The magazine has finally caught on to the fact that people are interested in UFOs. It dubs Area 51 as a UFO Mecca. Boy, Newsweek was on top of that story. The same issue has a snide review of the new film *Independence Day*. While some critics don't seem to like the flick, the public does. ID4 raked in 11 million dollars in its first night.

"Thursday's R-J notes that the film, and hoopla about the ET highway, have increased interest in Area 51, this translates into more tourism dollars for an area which desperately needs them. In the article, activist Glenn Campbell pouts because the new interest means the region will attract the naive and the nutcases.

"This is one naive nutcase who's visited the site more than 40 times. Never saw a UFO, but had a ball during each visit. Oddly, critic Campbell is author of the Area 51 Viewers Guide and has given hundreds of interviews about the place, creating considerable interest. Go figure. I'm sure Las Vegas casinos agree with his view that Nevada doesn't want any naive tourists coming here. Tourists that dumb might drink, smoke, or even... gamble excessively. That's the word on the street. I'm George Knapp."

- **7/4:** Article, ["40 Things I Learned From ID4 That I Never Knew Before,"](#) by Dean Kanipe. [2458, etc]

While viewing the film *Independence Day*, it became apparent that I was remarkably uninformed about several things related to Area 51, aliens, military operations, and America in general. Below is a quick list of a few important things I learned from the film that I never knew before, and a few lessons that were inferred from the plot. I wish to thank the creators of ID4 for making these facts much clearer to me....

- **7/4:** New article in [DR36](#). ["Invasion Of The Pod People! Am I The Only One Left Who Sees The "Independence Day" Conspiracy?"](#)

I write this account not knowing if anyone will ever read it. Strange things are happening that I cannot explain, and no one seems to see them but me. I am posting this message to the internet in the hope that someone - anyone - might have made the same observations and know what to do....

- **7/3:** New page, [Independence Day: Contrarian Viewpoints](#). *Reviews and opinions on blockbuster film ID4.*

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