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Quote of the Week

"We sometimes pretend something is true not because there's evidence for it but because we want it to be true. We confuse reality with our hopes and fears."

--Carl Sagan, astronomer, author and sometimes skeptic, dead today at age 62.

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Happy Holidays From ParaScope

The ParaScope team thanks our loyal community of friends and supporters for your support, interest and dedication to our cause. Thousands of you read this newsletter each week, and hundreds of thousands more of you visit our sites on America Online and the world-wide web, and we truly appreciate your continued interest in and devotion to ParaScope, the stories we cover, and the community online that we have created. We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season.

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A Return to the Cosmos for Carl Sagan

Stand-up comics loved to mock his enthusiasm for the "billions and billions of stars" in the universe, but few people have done so much to popularize complex cosmological pursuits as astronomer Carl Sagan, who died today at 62. Sagan, born in New York in 1934, thought he might follow his father into the garment business, but an early fascination with the heavens steered his fate in another direction. While skeptical of UFOs and alien encounters, Sagan was convinced that life of some kind existed elsewhere in the universe. Only time will answer many of the great questions Sagan posted -- with luck, many of us will be here when those answers are found.

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Coming Up Next Week!

It's the holidays, and you've got a little extra time on your hands. A few days off, and nothing to do but endure Aunt Helen trying to peddle fruitcake and Uncle Walt telling the same reindeer joke 11 times in a single day. We've got a better idea: tune out, dose up and log on!

For the next few days, ParaScope will be featuring a great mix of new stories and some of the best recent stories you may have missed, offering you the

perfect chance to catch up on what's gone down in 1996. There's been enough weirdness, fear, loathing, oppression, paranoia, strangeness and insanity this year to last a lifetime. But just in case you missed some of it, take advantage of AOL or your ISP's unlimited usage pricing to plop your fat mouse down in the middle of our archives and pig out!

Loosen your belt, take a deep breath and dig in to some of the stories we've published this year that we'll either feature next week or that you can find via our search engines on both our online sites:

Matrix: Conspiracies, Crimes & Cover-Ups

The Passive Millimetre Wave Imager, the Waco Massacre, Gulf War Syndrome, the MLK assassination conspiracy, Hinckley & the "Bushy Knoll," The Great Salinas/Citibank Scandal, the CIA & LA Crack Lords, The Hemp Conspiracy, the Skull & Bones Society, Mount Weather, Culture Jamming, Government DNA Banks

Nebula: UFOs, Alien Encounters and Outer Space

The Hale-Bopp Comet Mania, Life on Mars, the Alien Autopsy, the Rockefeller UFO Report, the Penthouse Alien Hoax, Independence Day, Road Trip to Area 51, Origins of UFOs, the Face on Mars, Monuments on the Moon, Mexican UFO Sightings, the Stalin/Roswell Connection, Italian UFO Sightings

Enigma: Paranormal Phenomena & High Weirdness

Lone Star Stonehenge, Tesla: the Electric Magician, Chupacabra Mania, Secrets of the Pyramids, the Mongolian Death Worm, the Crystal Skulls Hoax, Psychic Spies, The Toxic Lady, Cryptozoology, Chernobyl Supervoles, the Ghost of Elvis

Dossier: Hard Evidence & Original Documents

The El Mozote Massacre, COINTELPRO, the MJ-12 Document Hoax, Gulf War Weapons: High Tech Lies, Operation Mongoose, Search for JFK's Killers, MKULTRA: CIA Mind Control, Spy Satellite Photo Gallery, GAO Report on Roswell, CIA Plots Against Castro, Push Poll Propaganda

That's just for starters! Check out all these stories and tons more, or meet a friend, chat a while, post a message, download a file or just hang out at ParaScope this week.

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Jane, Stop This Crazy Thing!

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