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Time to retire 'Ufologist, Ufology'

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Date: Sun, 17 May 1998 23:21:03 -0400
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With the Compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>Date: Sun, 17 May 1998 22:02:59 -0400
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Time to retire "UFologist, UFOlogy"

>And why are there those among us who insist on using an
>apostrophe 's' when referring to more than one UFO? As in
>"UFO's"?

Colonials, foreign natives & so on may like to know that we in the Mother Country refer to this as "the greengrocer's genitive". For one always sees cards announcing the prices of "potato's", "parnip's", "cabbage's" &c in these establishments.

"Potato's *what*?" I always ask myself, fearing that those unfortunate enough not to have a decent walled kitchen garden on their estates may be handing over their hard-earned (or stolen) cash for a few pounds of weevils, blight, or other wriggly things, not the decent tasty carbohydrates, vitamins & minerals they think they are purchasing.

Obviously there are veggie merchants on the List, too, as I see some people referring, still more strangely, to a uniquely genitive or perhaps unknowingly doppelgangered character called "Tim Matthew's". At any rate I hope no one is trying to suggest that Tim is some kind of plurality of vegetable, which would be both most unfair and unacceptably ad-hominem. Besides, he has shown himself to be a very meaty fellow.

Those pressing questions aside, idiosyncratic orthography is hardly the weirdest thing about Steve Bassett's proposal is it? Can we see some unequivocal proof of the ETs' presence, please?

No? Really? Sure about that? Mmff. I thought not.

Yrs &c
Procumbent D. Molehill
aka
Pea Brooke's Myth

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