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# FBI Fears Chinese Hackers Have Back Door Into US Government & Military

Created by: [mister.old.school](#) on April 21, flags: 173,  
replies: 108

Some months ago, my contacts in the defense industry had alerted me to a startling development that has escalated to the point of near-panic in nearly all corners of Government security and IT infrastructure. The very-real concern, being investigated by the FBI, is that either the Chinese government or Chinese hackers (or both) have had the benefit of undetectable back-doors into highly secure government and military computer networks for months, perhaps years. The cause: a high-number of counterfeit Cisco routers and switches installed in nearly all government networks that experienced upgrades and/or new units within the past 18 months.

News of the counterfeit Cisco equipment has been in the mainstream for some time:

***Collaborative Current Event: Counterfeit Cisco Network Hardware Imported From China Seized  
Chinese Counterfeit Cisco Network Routers Targeted In North America***

***Counterfeit Cisco Gear Showing Up In US***

But the US government has been attempting to avoid these issues by only using higher-end Cisco partners/suppliers for the gear. However, the highly-competitive lowest-bid environment of government procurement has inspired several vendors to look for cheap alternatives for hardware... resulting in a catastrophic meltdown of security.


A few weeks ago, my sources have been providing information on a scathing investigation summary by the FBI. They've indicated that a critical Powerpoint document has been quietly circulating after a few internal presentations. While the Powerpoint presentation has been labeled unclassified, it is an official FBI publication and has been hard to track down. Thanks to key clues provided last week by two sources (both of which do not have the presentation, but have seen it), specific searches on the content of the document have turned up an online source, and I've provided all pages of the document below, along with the link to the discovered source. (The ATS upload would not allow a PPT file)

As you can see, the FBI is concerned about critical infrastructure damage, AND, the potential of access to secure government systems. Many online IT circles have been speculating that the counterfeit hardware will provide backdoor capabilities and access into compromised networks for the originators of the

equipment. In fact, some areas of speculation regarding the counterfeit Cisco equipment has focused on the possibility that the hardware is being manufactured expressly to deploy exploitable systems far and wide into the wild. The rationale being that the likely "wholesale" price of the counterfeit routers and switches are so low and profit margins likely very thin, that the only real advantage may be gained from downstream system exploits in the future.

The threat is real. Compromised hardware of potentially hostile foreign origin sits within secure networks of the US government, military, and intelligence services. And as you now see, the FBI has been concerned about it.

Graphic file export of the FBI's Powerpoint document slides.



## FBI Criminal Investigation: Cisco Routers

The overall classification of this presentation is  
**UNCLASSIFIED**

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## Agenda

- FBI Criminal Investigation
- Supply Chain
- Critical Infrastructure Threats
- Government Procurement Problems
- FBI Coordination
- Intelligence Gap



## FBI Criminal Investigation

### Cisco Routers

## Counterfeit Equipment

- Routers
  - Models: 1000 and 2000 Series
- Switches
  - Models: WS-C2950-24, WS-X4418-GB (for CAT4000series)
- GigaBit Interface Converter (GBIC)
  - Models: WS-G5483, WS-G5487
- WAN Interface Card (WIC)
  - Models: VWIC-1MFT-E1, VWIC-2MFT-G703, WIC-1DSU-T1-V2

## Nationwide Cases



Green - DD S; Red - FBI joint cases; Blue - FBI

## Counterfeit Products



Source: [http://www.usdoj.com/pressroom/pressroom\\_cdn/rtg\\_tela\\_cdn.asp?](http://www.usdoj.com/pressroom/pressroom_cdn/rtg_tela_cdn.asp?)

## Search Warrants Executed



## Cost Comparison Example

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| • Counterfeit | • Genuine     |
| – 1721 Router | – 1721 Router |
| – \$234.00    | – \$1,375.00  |

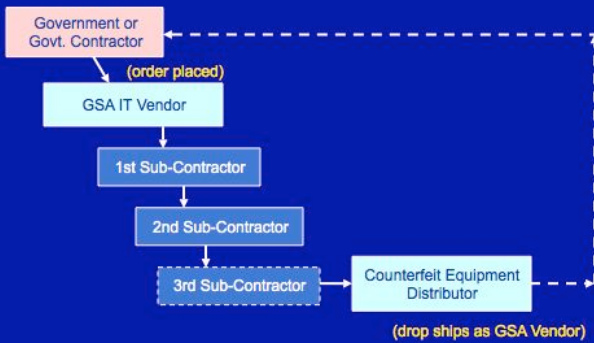
## Cisco Identified Problems

- **Problems**
  - Low manufacturing standards
  - Higher failure rate
  - Duplicate MAC addresses of routers and switches can shut down an entire network
- **Examples**
  - In 2002, duplicate MAC addresses shut down an end user's network in Pittsburgh
  - In 2004, a government agency conducted a network upgrade to its North American weather communication system—it failed upon installation
  - Cisco 1721 router installed in a network caught fire due to a faulty power supply

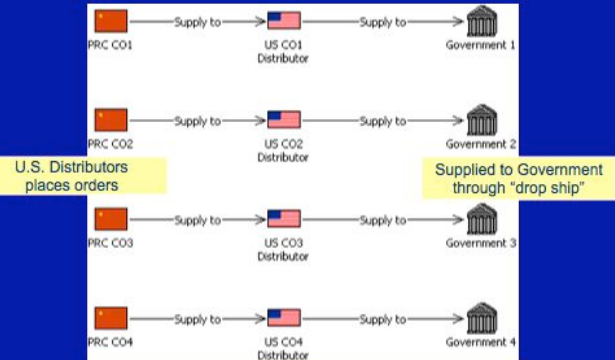
## ShenZhen, PRC



## Sub-Contracting Process

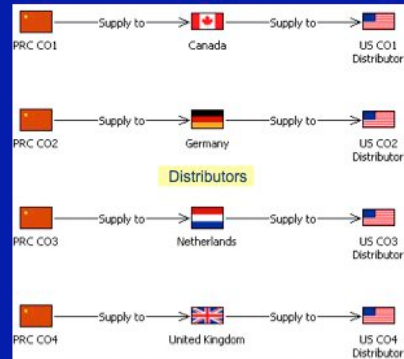


## Supply Chain 1 – Directly from PRC

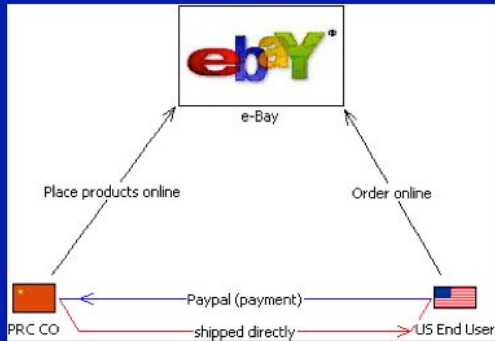


## Supply Chain

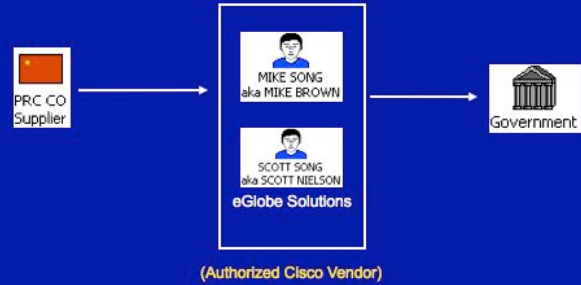
## Supply Chain 2 – Through Foreign Country



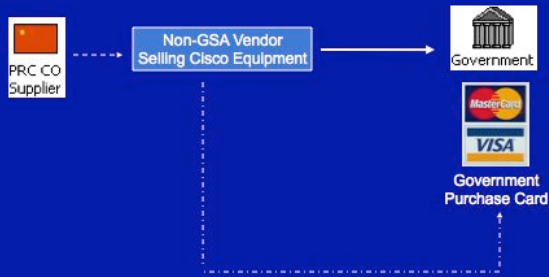
### Supply Chain 3 – ebay



### eGlobe Solutions Inc.



### Supply Chain 4 – Government Credit Card



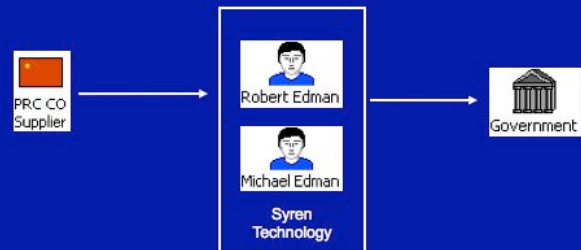
### eGlobe Solutions Inc.

- May 2003 – July 2005
  - \$788,000 counterfeit equipment
- November 2006 Indicted
  - Conspiracy, Mail Fraud, and Counterfeit Trademark
- Sold to
  - U.S. Naval Academy
  - U.S. Naval Air Warfare Center
  - U.S. Naval Undersea Warfare Center
  - U.S. Air Base (Spangdahelm, Germany)
  - Bonneville Power Administration
  - General Services Administration
  - Raytheon (Defense Contractor)

### Open Source Examples

- Supply Chain 1 – Directly from PRC
  - eGlobe Solutions Inc.
  - Syren Technology
  - Navy Project
  - MortgageIT
- Supply Chain 3 – ebay
  - Todd Richard
- Supply Chain 4 – Government Purchase Card
  - FBI

### Syren Technology

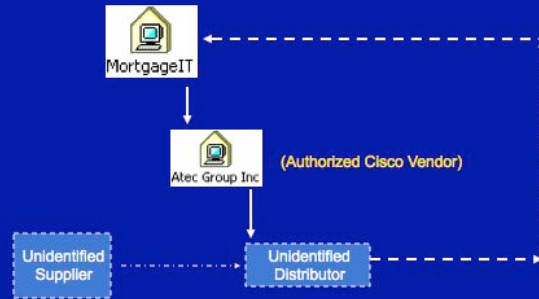




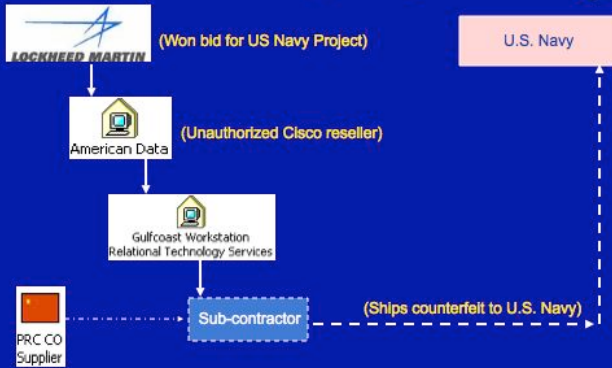
## Syren Technology

- August 2002 – July 2004
- December 2007 Indicted
  - Trafficking in counterfeit Cisco products
- Sold to
  - Marine Corps
  - Air Force
  - Federal Aviation Administration
  - FBI
  - Defense Contractors
  - Universities and Financial Institutions

## MortgageIT: Non-government Example

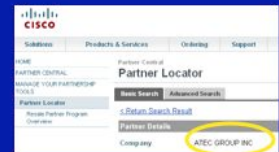


## U.S. Navy Project



## MortgageIT: Non-government Example

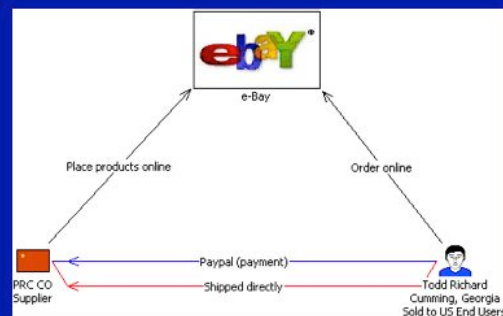
- Discovered WICs were faulty during routers upgrade
  - 30 counterfeit WAN Interface Cards (WIC)
- Atec Group Inc.
  - Authorized reseller selling counterfeit
    - Cisco
    - Microsoft
    - Symantec



## U.S. Navy Project

- \$250,111 counterfeit Cisco equipment
- Lockheed Martin
  - Did not use GSA IT Vendor or authorized Cisco reseller
  - Discovered duplicate serial numbers Cisco switches

## Todd Richard



## Todd Richard



- Between 2003 – 2007
  - \$1,000,000 counterfeit equipment
- October 2007 Indicted
  - Trafficking in counterfeit Cisco trademarks
- Separate shipments
  - Counterfeit equipment, labels, boxes, and manuals

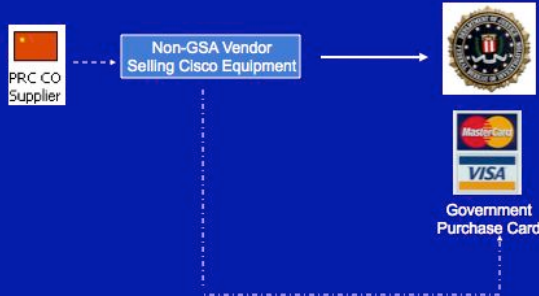
## Scope of the Problem



- Alliance for Gray Market and Counterfeit Abatement (AGMA) & KPMG White Paper
  - 1 in 10 IT products sold are counterfeit
  - 10% IT products counterfeit
    - \$100 billion

Source: AGMA/Intellectual Property, Measuring the Impact of Counterfeiting in the Information Technology Industry, 2003

## Supply Chain 4 – Government Credit Card



## Scope of the Problem



- Law Enforcement estimates much higher
  - Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
    - Only seize registered items
      - Dell Computers not registered
      - No label = no seizure
    - Cannot check every container
  - FBI
    - Chinese postal service vs. shipping services
      - Smaller shipments
    - Hardware, software, manuals and labels shipped separately
      - Assembled in United States



## Critical Infrastructure Threat



## Government Procurement Problem

## Government Procurement

- Most government agencies use enterprise information system
  - Coordinate business process
  - Standard data structure
  - Standard equipment
- Cisco routers used in enterprise information systems

## Problems with Cisco

- No Direct Sales
  - Cisco has 5 major distributors
    - 2 distributors sell to government via GSA
      - Comstor.net (200+ vendors)
      - Immix Group (not awarded yet - ? vendors)
- Exceptions
  - Highly specialized equipment sales
    - Intelligence community agencies
    - Large telecom providers

## Why Cisco Routers?

- Cisco has 80% market share

## Problems with Cisco

- Cisco's solution:
  - Use Cisco Gold/Silver Partners
    - Training/support designation given by Cisco

## Government Procurement

- Government searches for lowest price
- Contract language allows for
  - Subcontracts
    - 2 to 3 levels of sub-contractors
  - "Blind drop" or "drop ship"
  - Non-OEM purchase
  - Smaller businesses
- No vetting of vendors by Cisco or GSA
  - If done by government, usually only background check

## Problems with Cisco

- Government's Problem:
  - Gold/Silver Partners
    - purchased counterfeit
    - sold counterfeit to government and defense contractors
  - Cisco's Brand Protection does NOT coordinate with Cisco's Government Sales



## FBI Effort to Combat Problem



## FBI Coordination

- Department of Defense – multiple investigations
  - Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS)
  - Naval Criminal Investigative Service
  - Air Force Office of Special Investigations
  - Army Criminal Investigative Service
- All services concerned with critical infrastructure protection
  - DCIS-FBI Counterfeit IT Equipment Working Group



## FBI Coordination

- 3 Case Coordination Meetings (2006-2007)
  - Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)
  - Customs & Border Protection (CBP)
  - Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS)
  - Department of Interior (DOI)
  - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
  - Department of State (DOS)
  - Department of Defense (DOD)
  - Local Police Departments



## US-China Joint Liaison Group

- Co-chaired by US DOJ and Chinese Ministry of Public Security (MPS)
  - Facilitate cross-border criminal enforcement operations
  - Intellectual Property Criminal Enforcement Working Group
    - Submitted requests for investigation
    - Example: Summer Solstice (Microsoft software investigation)



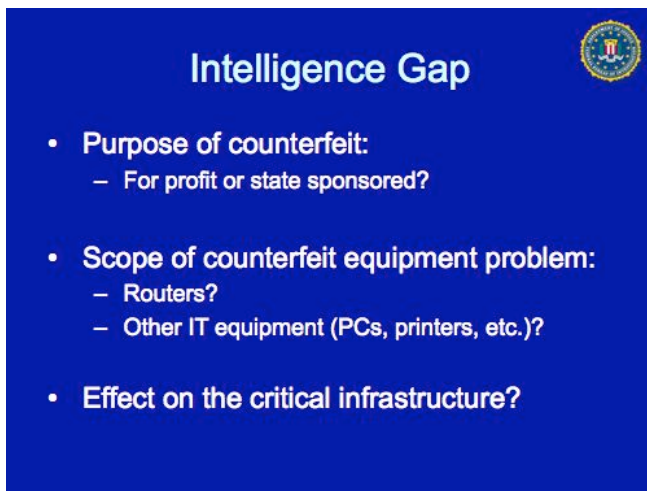
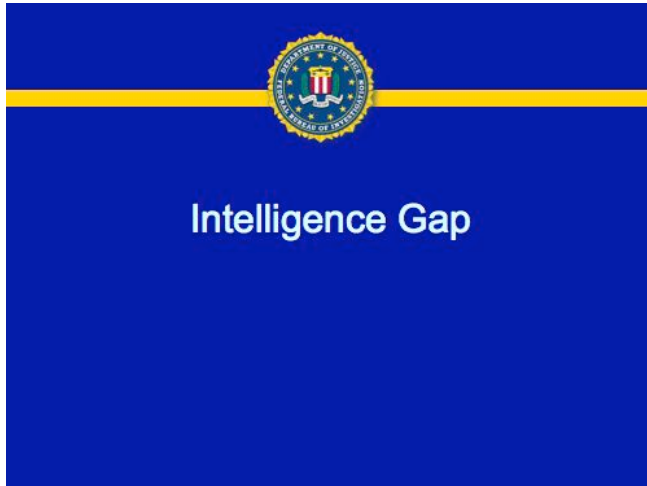
## FBI Coordination

- General Services Administration (GSA)
  - Ongoing coordination
    - 03/2007, GSA attended FBI Case Coordination Meeting (Dallas)
    - 07/2007, GSA-FBI-DCIS Coordination Meeting (Seattle)
  - GSA Actions
    - Letters of supply
    - Policy review - ongoing
    - Expansion of Investigation to address all counterfeit IT equipment
    - Supporting FBI Investigations



## Overseas Coordination

- Canada
- Germany
- United Kingdom



Google Search that found the FBI Powerpoint document:

**"FBI Criminal Investigation: Cisco Routers"**

**Link to PPT file**

Link to thread: [...thread350381/pg1](#)

## Scientific Evidence Of Life On Mars!! Why is NASA Obfuscating The Truth?

Created by: [mikesingh](#) on April 5, flags: 157, replies: 235

Here is an analysis of evidence of life on Mars. What is surprising is that the positive results produced by the Viking Landers have been stone walled for reasons which needless to say, seem to be obvious.

This is a paper I found while going through the LANL archives, which I think has pretty much been collecting dust. I wonder why NASA has not commented on these findings? If it has, I haven't chanced upon it as yet.

Having said that, this paper was presented to the scientific community at the Carnegie Geophysical Laboratory seminar by Dr Gilbert V. Levin, Ph.D. Chairman, Executive Officer for Science, Spherix Incorporated. I would recommend you read the seemingly incredible analyses where you will learn the truth and evidence of life on Mars.

Other revealing analyses and papers which are worth a read have been included in the acknowledgements at the end. Though extremely thought provoking and interesting, I must warn you that this makes for heavy reading! But then life on Mars has to be scientifically proved, and all science which can get pretty complicated, is not everyone's cup of tea!

For those who find it tough to go through the labyrinth of scientific terminology, here are a few excerpts from these papers/lectures that will set you thinking.

The Viking Project was begun by NASA on November 15, 1968, and was composed of two orbiters and two landers. The launch was initially planned for 1973, but postponed to 1975 due to the complexity and challenge of the project.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Viking on Mars.

Courtesy: MSSS

In a May 3, 2007, Carnegie dinner, Carnegie Institution Chairman, Michael Gellert, pointed out that the Institution was founded to - and does - concentrate on high risk problems.

"This makes Carnegie the proper venue for exploring a major scientific paradigm change - there is life on Mars. And, most importantly, to determine whether life had more than one origin, as would be indicated were Earth life and Mars life is fundamentally different.

Such a result would have profound implications for the existence of life, including intelligent life, throughout the universe. I am thus very pleased to have the opportunity to present this prospect at the Carnegie Institution Geophysical Laboratory seminar. "

The Excerpts.

The Carnegie Institution Geophysical Laboratory Seminar

Analysis of evidence of Mars life held 05/14/2007.

The Viking Landers carried nine courses of the Labeled Release experiment (LR) designed to detect any metabolizing microorganisms that might be present on the Martian surface. The LR was designed to drop a nutrient solution of organic compounds labeled with radioactive carbon atoms into a soil sample taken from the surface of Mars and placed into a small test cell. A radiation detector then monitored over time for the evolution of radioactive gas from the sample as evidence of metabolism: namely, if microorganisms were metabolizing the nutrients they had been given.

When the experiment was conducted on both Viking Landers, it gave positive results almost immediately.

(Now why has this remained a subject of debate when the results were positive in the first instance?) The reasons cited were:

1. "The Viking organic analysis instrument (GCMS), an abbreviated gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer designed to identify the organic material widely presumed to be present on Mars, found no organic molecules".

After years of discussion and experimentation, a consensus was reached explaining this negative result as a lack of sensitivity.

2. "UV destroys life and organics".

Yet sampling soil from under a rock on Mars demonstrated that UV light was not inducing the LR activity detected.

3. "Strong oxidants were present that destroy life and organics".

Findings by the Viking Magnetic Properties Experiment showed that the surface material of Mars contains a large magnetic component, evidence against a highly oxidizing condition.

4. "Too much too soon". The LR positive responses and their reaction kinetics were said to be those of a first order reaction, without the lag or exponential phases seen in classic microbial growth curves, all of which seemed to argue for a simple chemical reaction. However, terrestrial LR experiments on a variety of soils produced response rates with the kinetics and the range of amplitudes of the LR on Mars, thereby offsetting this argument.

5. "Lack of a new surge of gas upon injection of fresh medium".

However, a previous test of bonded, NASA-supplied Antarctic soil, No. 664, had shown this same type of response to a 2nd injection. The failure of the 2nd injection to elicit a response can be attributed to the

organisms in the active sample having died sometime after the 1st injection, during the latter part of Cycle 1.

6. "There can be no liquid water on the surface of Mars".

Since November and December 2006, the accumulated evidence shows that liquid water exists in soil even if only as a thin film. Viking, itself, gave strong evidence of the presence of liquid water. Snow or frost is seen in Viking images of the landing site (e.g., Viking Lander Image 211093). Pathfinder has shown that the surface atmosphere of Mars exceeds 20 degrees C during part of the day, providing transient conditions for liquid water.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Heavy Frost, or Snow. Deposit at Viking Lander 2 Site (Viking Lander Image 211093).

Courtesy: Spherix Inc

7. "Cosmic radiation destroys life on Mars".

A recent report calculated the incoming flow of both galactic cosmic rays particles (GCR) and solar energetic protons (SEP) over a wide energy range. As a result one may acknowledge that -without even invoking natural selection to enhance radiation protection and damage repair- the radiation incident to the surface of Mars appears trivial for the survival of numerous terrestrial-like microorganisms.

Adding to this rising tide of facts supporting the detection of life by the Viking LR experiment are the recent findings in the Martian atmosphere of methane, formaldehyde, and, possibly, ammonia, gases frequently involved in microbial metabolism.

Excerpt from the lecture by Dr Gilbert V. Levin, Ph.D Hydrogen Densities (Probably Water) on Mars with Viking 1 and 2 Landing Sites Located (VL1 & VL2).

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Where there's water, there's life!

Courtesy: LANL

Have the colors of Mars images been fudged too? Why? The first is the untouched one from NASA. The second image is I think what it actually is after I reduced the red tinge....

Courtesy: MSSS

I have attempted to summarize the main points here, though there are many more surprises, if you read the links provided.

So what do you make of this? Why is the scientific community shying away from the reality that alien life forms exist on Mars, considering this scientific evidence? Why are we being denied the truth? The hesitation probably lies in the fact that accepting the reality of life on Mars would result in profound implications for the psyche of mankind as a whole.

Cheers! We may not be alone after all!

[edit on 5-4-2008 by mikesingh]

Link to thread: [...thread346977/pg1](#)

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## survey: should ATS publish a national conspiracy newspaper? yes (flag) or no (no flag) ... so this d

Created by: [counterterrorist](#) on April 4, flags: 111, replies: 79

survey: ATS publish a national conspiracy newspaper as an alternative to the corporate news? ...so this doesn't happen to us

Yes? then flag this post.

No? then don't flag this post.

Chinese human rights activist Hu Jia has been convicted of "inciting subversion of state power" and sentenced to three and a half years in prison.

Housing rights activist Ye Guozhu is serving a four-year prison sentence after he applied for permission to hold a demonstration against forced evictions in Beijing.

Three people in Myanmar were sentenced to prison for giving water to monks on the street.

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## Jesse Ventura on Larry King... WOW

Created by: [ModernAcademia](#) on April 8, flags: 101, replies: 64

Jesse Ventura on Larry King speaking a whole lot of truth

*(isit the thread to view linked videos)*

This is honestly one of the best interviews i've ever seen!

Everything that he says about politics, democrats and republicans is just so true!

Also here's him as well on the Colbert Report

*(isit the thread to view linked videos)*

[edit on 8-4-2008 by ModernAcademia]

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## Attention ATS! Know The Hidden Meanings Behind the Laws in America, Before it is Too Late!

Created by: [sizzle](#) on April 28, flags: 89, replies: 349

It is my intention in this thread to kick down some doors and loose some revelations on the members here, who might have been unaware of certain laws on the books and what they really mean. These Laws and Codes are hiding in plain sight. But if people are unaware of their existence and their true meaning; then we continue to be as sheep led to slaughter. What I intend to reveal here profoundly affects every man, woman and child in America. Some of these same laws also apply in Canada and England. You might want to do research for your area as well. Many of America and Canada's laws were carried over from British origins.

Justice Order and Law

"The Supreme Court of the United States, for example, the branch of government designed as the logical protector of individual rights, has in fact been one of the more corrupting influences. Not just in terms of its recent, politically inspired travesties of justice, but early in its history when it began as series of ruling in favor of the Corporate Rule of our lives, including the horrendous 1886 ruling that held that a private corporation was a natural person under the U. S. Constitution. This has led to a horrific consequences, in that fictitious entities with limited liability have all the rights and privileges of citizens, and thus can purchase favorable legislation via Corporate Politics. Conspiracies by their very nature are not good news. And the lack of responsible and/or fiduciary duty by the Media and/or Public Education has contributed substantially to the success of whatever conspiracies might actually be a real and valid threat.

However, rather than concentrate on the evils of the evil empires of evil governments and their evil co-conspirators the world over, perhaps it would be preferable to accentuate the positive, and reduce the negative rumblings to a minimum. In other words, concentrate on a system of Justice and/or Restorative Justice (as opposed to law and order). It won't be possible to totally eliminate any negative comments on the current State-of-affairs, if only because the reason and logic for doing things differently might not be self-evident as a means of avoiding problems.

"<http://www.halexandria.org/dward005.htm>

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## Terra papers : Hidden History of Planet Earth - Now Online!

Created by: [conxposer](#) on April 18, flags: **87**, replies: 577  
Back in 1947, a group of Native Americans witnessed a UFO crash and went to the site. They arrived before the military arrived. There was an injured extraterrestrial, and the tribe rescued the alien and helped bring him back to health. The alien eventually began to trust the Native Americans and imparted a special story to these folks. The story is the Hidden History of Planet Earth.

The Story is the Terra Papers, and the author is Robert Morning Sky.

[edit on 18-4-2008 by conxposer]  
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## Media Blackout? Robert Kahre Defeats IRS in Court 161-0

Created by: [SystemiK](#) on April 10, flags: **74**, replies: 43  
**VIDEO Insider Exclusive: IRS vs. Robert Kahre**  
Steve Murphy interviews Robert Kahre and his attorney, William A. Cohan. (Includes security footage from the raid which government agents attempted to destroy/conceal).

I was surprised when searching for prior threads here that there had only been 1 thread and just a handful of posts.

This story has been unfolding since 1993 but reached a landmark status in September of 2007 when a Nevada jury returned 0 guilty verdicts to 161 charges against the defendants. The crux of the case hinged upon the fact that the defendant paid his employees in \$1.00 silver coins which are currently in circulation and are legal tender. The IRS contends that taxes owed should be based on the market value as a precious metal (approximately \$114,000,000) and not the cumulative \$1.00 face value of the coins. Apparently even highly educated tax attorneys are unable to conclude how the law applies to this situation.

**Liberty Watch Article on the Kahre Case**  
**thought-criminal.org Article on the Kahre Case**

The government has not backed down however and is most definitely building yet another case against Kahre. While this story is not "breaking news" and many of you have likely heard of this case, I am very concerned by the lack of coverage from the MSM.

The defendant is the uncle of a close friend of mine who is up against life in prison to defend against

abuses of our constitutional rights and freedoms. We hope to spread awareness on the issue here at ATS and perhaps to hear some of your thoughts.

Thanks,  
SK

[edit on 10-4-2008 by SystemiK]  
Link to thread: [...thread348263/pg1](#)

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## Seti @ Home Hit (!!!)

Created by: [ian990003100](#) on April 12, flags: **73**, replies: 104  
I have been running Seti@home for a while now and i seem to have scored a hit!

I have a signal.... it is being verified however initial response is Success...Now this could be anything...Pulsar...or imploding star but geezz this is cool....

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Outcome Success
Client state Done
Exit status 0 (0x0)
Computer ID 4093387
Report deadline 7 May 2008 1:32:22 UTC
CPU time 23387.875
stderr out
setiathome_enhanced 5.27 DevC++/MinGW
Work Unit Info:
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.....
WU true angle range is : 0.383145
Optimal function choices:
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name
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v_BaseLineSmooth (no other)
v_vGetPowerSpectrumUnrolled2 0.00104 0.00000
sse1_ChirpData_ak 0.02715 0.00000
v_vTranspose4x16ntw 0.02616 0.00000
AK SSE folding 0.00177 0.00000
Restarted at 0.52 percent.
Flopcounter: 22693672334107.512000
Spike count: 1
Pulse count: 1
Triplet count: 0
Gaussian count: 0
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Anybody else using this program?  
Anybody else had any hits?  
I downloaded a program which maps were the signal has come from ill try and take a screen shot and post it..

can some one tell me how to do this...?  
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## Jesse Ventura Interview - ATS MIX Show 82

Created by: [Dave Rabbit](#) on April 30, flags: 71, replies: 48

Former Minnesota governor Jesse Ventura spends some quality time with Dave & Johnny on May 21, 2008 and some of the better AboveTopSecret.Com member questions will also be asked. The interview will be posted soon thereafter.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Jesse Ventura's book Don't Start the Revolution Without Me! is now #21 on the New York Times Best Seller List. A former Navy SEAL, professional wrestler, and movie actor, Governor Ventura's first two books, I Ain't Got Time to Bleed (1999) and Do I Stand Alone? (2000), were both national bestsellers. In Don't Start the Revolution Without Me!, Ventura looks back at his time as governor of Minnesota and at life and politics in America since he left office in January of 2003.

**VISIT The Book Site NOW!**

You can order Jesse Ventura's book through Amazon.com or any bookstore.

Post Your Questions NOW Until May 20, 2008

Please FLAG & STAR This Mutha!

[edit on 5/29/2008 by Dave Rabbit]

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## PBS Breaks 'Media Blackout' of NYT Story on 'Pentagon Propaganda'!

Created by: [DimensionalDetective](#) on April 25, flags: 69, replies: 51

[thinkprogress.org](#)

"On Sunday, The New York Times published an explosive report exposing the Pentagon's secret campaign to use analysts in order to "generate favorable news coverage of the administration's wartime performance." Since that time, TV news organizations have largely been silent on their role in the propaganda. Ari Melber notes that last night, PBS's Newshour finally broke this blackout, but couldn't convince the other networks to participate:

"(visit the link for the full news article)

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## Lights in Phoenix again!!

Created by: [solarstorm](#) on April 22, flags: 65, replies: 387

ABC News 15 just reported lights in Phoenix! 10:00 news cast.

They ran a 15 second slot right in the beginning of the segment. Apparently it was just fresh news and not posted on their website yet. Supposedly someone got 15 minutes footage!! ABC called all airports and military bases and no one has of yet an explanation.

I will keep you guys up to date if more surfaces. Or hopefully other ATsers in Phoenix will do so as well.

Here is their website.

Link to thread: [...thread350487/pg1](#)

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## Mars, What the hell is going on?

Created by: [GUNSINWAR](#) on April 7, flags: 60, replies: 169

There is a strange door-like structure at the base of the mountain formation from a NASA image of Mars that is causing a stir. The first person to notice it wasn't a NASA scientist, however, but rather a Russian reader of the portal R&D.Cnews, Alexander Novgorodov. Taking a closer look at an image taken by the spacecraft Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, he noticed an unusual morphology, which looks strikingly like a manmade doorway.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*The unusual teardrop mountain formation, which likely resulted from some sort of weathering,

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Does the many parallel elevated ridge forms clearly seen surrounding this object look like sand dunes to you or terrain topography surface that might support a dust devil? What you are really looking at is a huge stationary water geyser and its tremendous height is casting a faint shadow to its left. However, it should be noted that this ridge form evidence looks to me like it has been artificially coated with applications designed to give it a merged together look. As a result, natural top reflectivity and bottom shadow has been subdued and so the ridge form detail is too uniform and therefore not entirely trustworthy. The geyser itself has been left out of this tampering but its shadow has been partially subdued by the tampering applications on the ridge forms.

Know here is some real interesting pictures....

This really strange, every day more and more evidence of bizarre life or structures are presented.

Judge for yourself enjoy!:up:

Great thanks to J.P Skipper for his great work.

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## Ron Paul Hits it out of the Park on CNN American Morning

Created by: [Odyssey](#) on April 30, flags: 60, replies: 71

This video speaks for itself.

for anyone who has never listened to Ron Paul or know much about him, like me, well, watch this video... it may just rock your world :D

*(isit the thread to view linked videos)*

Ron Paul sounds like an ATSer

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## National Security Presidential Directive 51= no elections

Created by: [L.HAMILTON](#) on April 12, flags: 54, replies: 87  
NSPD51 was signed by Bush back in May of 2007. This directive replaces the REX84 Alpha prior. Any "terrorist act" in which could facilitate a war with Iran would bring misery within our own country; through the means of martial law. I believe that this present administration is going to see us through 2012.

[edit on 12-4-2008 by L.HAMILTON]

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## The Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act

Created by: [DimensionalDetective](#) on April 16, flags: 53, replies: 108

[www.opednews.com](http://www.opednews.com)

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The Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act which was passed in the House of Representatives is now heading to the Senate and is slated for passage.

The bill will assemble two bodies to identify and recommend methods of dealing with those who are too radicalized or deemed enemies of the state.

"(visit the link for the full news article)

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## 12,000 Year Old Temple Found in Turkey

Created by: [Scott Creighton](#) on April 18, flags: 53, replies: 103

A temple dated to 9,500BC has been discovered in Turkey. The significance of this discovery cannot be overstated. Such a find has the potential to alter forever the existing paradigm of human development and demonstrates conclusively that complex societies existed in our most remote past, thousands of years before Stonehenge and the Giza Pyramids were built.

*(links removed)*

Scott Creighton

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## Gas Prices Are Absurd - VENT YOUR OPINION HERE

Created by: [Dave Rabbit](#) on April 19, flags: 49, replies: 28

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

As ridiculous as the reality is, beer IS now cheaper than gas pretty much everywhere. This photo was sent to me by a fan which they took at their local gas station. Although the humor of it is worth a chuckle or two, the reality is that the majority of people now have to make serious choices about whether to fill up their car (if they are lucky enough to have one) or put food on the table.

LET US HEAR YOU! TWO WAYS TO RESPOND.

ONE, you can call our TOLL FREE number for the US and CANADA at:

1-877-417-2204

TWO, If you PREFER, you can also POST your thoughts and opinions HERE and we will read a few of the better ones.

Please FLAG & STAR The Mutha!

[edit on 6/19/2008 by Dave Rabbit]

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## Alien Life Beyond Earth. The Evidence.

Created by: [mikesingh](#) on April 26, flags: 48, replies: 40

"I think the universe must be teeming with sentient life... sooner or later we will make contact with extra-terrestrial intelligence."

Prof Wickramasinghe

Humans will never be able to detect extra terrestrial life forms as long as they cling to present scientific paradigms and beliefs.

Kaalchakra

I would like to clarify that this is not about advanced ETs civilizations. It's not about their purported space ships capable of interstellar voyages through 'worm holes' or even interdimensional travel and so on. It's about evidence of fundamental extra terrestrial life forms that have been discovered and studied scientifically. The evidence that life may be universal is being presented here in brief.

But could this be construed as incontrovertible evidence or final proof of the reality of extra terrestrial life? It could be mentioned here in passing that what we construe as the basic requirements of 'life' may not be so. Much of such alien 'life' may be beyond our scientific templates and knowledge on which we base our deductions.

Let's take a look at what we've found and the results after scientific analyses. The first is, as usual, from the LANL archives.

The Mysterious Red Cells Of Kerala: Aliens Life Forms?

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Courtesy: CNN

As bizarre as it may seem, the sample jars containing cloudy, reddish rainwater in Godfrey Louis's laboratory in southern India may hold... aliens!

In 2006, Dr Godfrey Louis, a solid-state physicist at Mahatma Gandhi University, published a paper in the prestigious peer-reviewed journal *Astrophysics and Space Science* in which he hypothesizes that the samples taken from the mysterious blood-colored showers that fell across the Indian state of Kerala in the summer of 2001 contain microbes from outer space.

Specifically, Louis has isolated strange, thick-walled, red-tinted cell-like structures about 10 microns in size. However, though dozens of his experiments suggest that the particles may lack DNA yet they reproduce plentifully, even in water superheated to nearly 600 deg F. (The known upper limit for life in water is about 250 deg F).

So how does Louis go about explaining this phenomenon? He speculates that the particles could

be extraterrestrial bacteria adapted to the harsh conditions of space and that the microbes hitched a ride on a comet or meteorite that later broke apart in the upper atmosphere and mixed with rain clouds above India.

If his theory proves correct, the cells would be the first confirmed evidence of alien life and, as such, could yield new clues to the origins of life on Earth.

"Are these cell like particles a kind of alternate life from space? If the red rain particles are biological cells and are of cometary origin, then this phenomena can be a case of cometary panspermia (Hoyle & Wickramasinghe, 1999) were comets can breed microorganisms in their radiogenically heated interiors and can act as vehicles for spreading life in the universe."

Strangely, this episode is being under-reported. A massive investigation into this "red rain" will probably settle the question whether extraterrestrial life exists, but why is this not happening?

Link to the papers of Dr Godfrey Louis which are available in the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) archives, are **here...**

The Nakhla Meteorite

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

A microscopic view into a thin slice of the Martian meteorite Nakhla.

A fracture (tan) and tunnels (in boxes) are similar in size and shape to

tunnels associated with DNA in terrestrial rocks.

Credit: Oregon State University

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Courtesy: universe-review

According to a study published in *Scientific American*, the Nakhla meteorite that fell in Egypt nearly 95 years ago may offer clues as to the search for possible extra terrestrial life. Researchers studying the meteorite that originated from Mars found a series of microscopic tunnels within the object that mimic the size, shape and distribution to tracks left on Earth rocks by the feeding frenzy of bacteria.

The discovery of the tiny burrows adds intrigue to the search for life beyond Earth. However, no DNA could be extracted from the meteorite, so it's not known if the tunnels are of biological origin. But the research findings of a team of scientists led by Martin Fisk, a professor of marine geology in the College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University), published in the February issue of the bimonthly journal, *Astrobiology*, insists the lack of DNA does not derail the prospect.

"Subsequently, scientists had decided these structures most likely represent contamination from Earth-dwelling biota. But now the BBC is reporting that researchers from the U.K. have cracked open the

meteorite from Egypt and found material that resembles the filling left behind by microbes in cracks on the bottoms of the ocean. Solid veins of such "carbonaceous material" were found inside the meteorite, quashing objections that it could represent contamination from contact with earth, the researchers claim.

And according to the BBC, previous scientists who examined the rock found that more than 75 percent of the meteorite's carbon is not one of the most common isotopes of carbon--carbon-14. That means it could be the relic of the action of alien microbes toiling in unimagined seas on ancient Mars.

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Meteorite ALH 84001

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Courtesy: Spaceref.

Some of the first possible extra terrestrial proofs of life came in 1996 from a meteorite found in Antarctica. Ejected from the surface of Mars it came to rest on Earth, bearing odd, microscopic structures that resemble fossilized remnants of bacteria.

" The indication of life hinges on three important pieces of evidence, all discovered within mineralized fractures in the meteorite in close proximity to each other. One is the discovery of abundant polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) on the fracture surfaces. These are a family of complex organic molecules which are commonly found on dust grains and certain types of meteorites in outer space, presumably formed by non-biological chemical reactions.

However, when micro-organisms die they break down into PAHs as well. The mixture of PAHs found on ALH84001 is very different from that found on dust grains and other meteorites, suggesting the possibility of a biological origin. Thousands of different types of PAHs are found all over the Earth, but those in ALH84001 do not appear to be contaminants which have leaked into the meteorite."

Further, high-resolution scanning with electron microscopes had revealed the presence of tiny "ovoids" which may actually be fossil remnants of tiny bacteria that are 100 times smaller than any bacteria microfossils found on Earth!

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Courtesy: NASA

Evidence Of Life In Outer Space: Space Bugs.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Courtesy: Spacecom

In 2001, a team of international researchers found what could be the first proof of life beyond our planet, in the form of clumps of extraterrestrial bacteria in the Earth's upper atmosphere! Although the 'bugs' from space are similar to bacteria on Earth, the scientists said the living cells found in samples of air from the

edge of the planet's atmosphere are too far away to have come from Earth!!

According to Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe, an astronomer at Cardiff University in Wales...

" "There is now unambiguous evidence for the presence of clumps of living cells in air samples from as high as 41 kilometers (25 miles), well above the local tropopause, above which no air from lower down would normally be transported." "

He presented the findings to a meeting of the International Society of Optical Engineering in San Diego, California. Professor David Lloyd, a microbiologist at Cardiff University who examined the space bugs, says, "The most likely possibility is that the bacteria have arrived from another planet. I'd like to think that, at any rate. It's the first pointer that it is possible to get evidence that there is life on other planets."

"When you look at the detailed nature of life in terms of molecular complexity it seems extremely unreasonable to suppose that on this tiny speck of dust - which is all that the Earth is - the most complex physical system originated."

Prof Wickramasinghe

Methane in the Martian atmosphere hints at microbial metabolism

In 2004 three groups - using telescopes on Earth and the European Space Agency's Mars Express orbiting space probe - independently turned up evidence of methane in the atmosphere. Nearly all methane in our own atmosphere is produced by bacteria and other life. Could this mean that the methane on Mars is being produced by organic life? Most likely. More **Here...**

Amino Acids And The Murray Meteorite.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

The Murray Meteorite.

Courtesy: Internet Encyclopedia of Science.

Pic: David Darling

This meteorite is a Type II carbonaceous chondrite that fell near Murray, Kentucky, in 1950. Its analysis by Melvin Calvin provided early support for the idea that prebiotic molecules can form in space. As many as 70 different kinds of amino acids have been found in the Murray meteorite

"With the help of a detection technique known as gas chromatography-mass spectrometry, the researchers identified a number of so-called polyhydroxylated compounds, or polyols including sugars, sugar alcohols and sugar acids in extracts from the two meteorites. Reassuringly, the fact that these sugar-related compounds display many of the characteristics of known extraterrestrial compounds speaks against the possibility of terrestrial contamination. Furthermore,

the team's findings indicate that extraterrestrial processes can account for the sugars."

These results suggest that these amino acids, are most likely extraterrestrial in origin.

So what do you make of all this? Can life be abundant in the universe? Could we have originated from out there? Are we the aliens?

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## Intelligence agent shot by police in broad daylight after high-speed chase

Created by: **Dr Love** on April 30, flags: **48**, replies: **120**  
[www.chron.com](http://www.chron.com)

"Mystery continues to envelop a man shot and killed by Houston police Tuesday morning after a high-speed chase that ended near the Galleria.

The victim was identified by friends as Roland Vincent Carnaby, 52, of Houston. But who he really was — or more precisely, what he was — is something police are still trying to piece together.

Carnaby held himself out as a federal intelligence agent but was sometimes cagey about his precise job and employer. At times he mentioned the Central Intelligence Agency or the Department of Homeland Security. He was the president of the local chapter of the Association for Intelligence Officers, a legitimate national organization whose board contains luminaries such as former President George H.W. Bush. Friends said they have seen him in the company socially of local law enforcement officials and high-level CIA bureaucrats."(visit the link for the full news article)

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## Fourteen Year Old Girl (ATS Member-4thefight) Survives 50-ft Fall (True Story)

Created by: **sizzle** on April 24, flags: **47**, replies: **74**

We have many heroes onboard at ATS, but they do not often come to us as young as, '4thefight' ATS member. Her awe-inspiring tale of survival and long grueling road-to-recovery, began when she was fourteen years old. Hereafter, she will be referred to as, 4tf.

4tf shared this story with me in private and I convinced her to allow me to present it to you. I am deeply honored.

Our story begins July 24, 2001 in the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. I know these mountains well. There is an old saying in the area, "The curves in the roads there are so sharp, you could meet yourself coming!" On the downslopes of the mountains, you see sand piles on the sides of the highways; in the event that the truckers lose their brakes, then the sandpiles will help keep them from going over the sides of the mountains. Some drivers, as an added note of caution, have been known to honk their horns to alert oncoming cars that they are entering a curve. This is due to the near impossibility of being able to stay within your own lane, while veering around these curves. Hopefully I have painted a fair picture of the steepness of the hills and mountains in this area.

On this particular hot summer day, our tomboyish young lady and her young male cousin, are visiting with 4tf's grandmother. The two youths decide to take advantage of this fantastic woodsy area with it's many opportunities of adventure.

At this point I am going to let 4tf tell you in her own words.

Afterward, if you would like to ask any questions or make any comments, I will leave that to 4tf.

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## Pioneer Internet Has a Monopoly & is Rationing Internet Access

Created by: **Valhall** on April 28, flags: **47**, replies: **83**

For those who live in the western rural areas of Oklahoma you know that the only game in town for a large number of very small towns is Pioneer Internet located in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. They have a monopoly in most of the small towns of the western half of Oklahoma.

Starting about mid-year 2007 they started a big push to convert people over to digital TV from their cable TV and then latter part of 2007 they did basically a forced conversion from cable to digital.

As this conversion took place the internet users started seeing a consistent increase in latency beginning at prime time. In fact, at least one Pioneer customer has decrived it as "I can watch Leno say good night and my latency drops." Pioneer swears they are not giving digital TV priority over DSL and want to blame things on their "upstream provider"....which they are not at liberty to disclose.

Of course, a tracert shows AT&T and that the "choke point" is apparently a data center in Dallas - either a switch or a router. Pioneer claims they have been

attempting to 'work with their provider' on the speed issues - but if they are, in fact, even talking to AT&T they apparently are either not being aggressive, or have poor communication skills...because things have gone on way too long and are now at their worst.

High-speed internet activities such as gaming, videos, etc. can just be forgotten during prime-time...they aren't going to happen.

I just phoned AT&T to discuss this issue and make them aware that right now they are affecting about half the rural population in Oklahoma. They refused to discuss the matter with me because "I'm not their customer." I pointed out that I was, in fact, their customer albeit second level. They at least agreed with that point but then fell back on that they couldn't discuss the situation with me because I wasn't their DIRECT customer.

I have researched the "congestion avoidance" methods and understand that basically an algorithm is running that drops/holds and then releases packets while prioritizing what will come across...that's the exact sporadic behavior I have been suffering with during prime time for months. It is now unacceptable.

This is a monopoly and I have to say A VERY CLEAR EXAMPLE OF INTERNET RATIONING...get ready. All it takes is a little bit too much demand in your area and you'll get a taste of not having any control over your IT flow...some one else will decide what is most important and (when you're in a situation like I'm in where there isn't another game in town) you'll have to live with their decision.

So much for a freedom of information flow on the internet. Pioneer and apparently AT&T have a monopoly and they are abusing it at this point. They have created a demand they cannot supply and are rationing services in order to appease the boob tube group.

[edit on 4-28-2008 by Valhall]

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## Lessons Learned From a Backyard Garden

Created by: [thelibra](#) on April 17, flags: 46, replies: 175

This spring I've finally put my preparations and research into effect, and perhaps not a moment too soon. The worldwide food shortages are beginning to impact even food-rich countries like America. To be honest, compared to droughts in even first-world nations like Spain, I have absolutely no right to complain, but I am taking a serious leap into growing our own food supply in a revisitation of the old WWII Victory Gardens.

Here's a few things I've learned so far that books and such didn't prepare me for, and lessons learned the hard way.

Thoroughly weed, then mulch - It's best to have 2 different colors of mulch. Your "bulk mulch" will go between the planted rows, and should go down over the bare soil after it is weeded. Don't mulch the planted rows until you get sprouts. Once you get sprouts (or if you're transferring from planters) mulch around the base, up and down the row, with the 2nd color of mulch. This will make identifying where it's safe to step, as well as the boundaries of weeds and such, a lot easier. The mulch will also allow the soil to retain more water (which most veg need lots of), and will help prevent weed growth.

Plant a flag by each seed - If you aren't transferring from planters, but are planting seeds directly, plant a small flag near each seed. It makes it a thousand times easier later on to tell whether or not you're cultivating a vegetable or a random weed. If I had done this, it would literally have cut my weeding time down by about 3/4. Instead, still in these early stages of sprouting, I'm having to strain to tell the difference between what is a weed, and what is desired veg.

Keep a log/picture book - I really wish I'd done this. If you're planting from seed, it's a really good idea to keep a separate page for each row, and on each row's page, note what you planted, when, how far apart you spaced stuff, and some photos of what the veg should look like at each stage. It's easy to tell what a mature Bell Pepper plant looks like. It's the ones with the bell peppers on it. But what about the other months of its early life?

Keep your rows perpendicular to the drainage - If your yard drains from north to south, your rows should stretch east and west. This is to retain your soil and moisture, as erosion will quickly affect an "ungrassed" area of the lawn.

Preventive Mixture - If you're thinking about starting a garden, then as of today, start saving all your used coffee grounds, crushed eggshells, and ash (assuming you burn any wood, not chemical logs). The mixture of those three things, spread around the base of each plant, will prevent most pests from eating your veg. It's not foolproof, but it helps a lot.

Plant Marigolds and Aromatic Spices at the Edges - Marigolds exude some scent that deters rodents (like rabbits) from eating your plants, and also encourages beneficial bugs to the area. Aromatic Spices (like oregano, basil, etc) similarly drive away many pests

and encourage good bugs. Since you'll still need to be able to walk between your rows, limit yourself to one plant at each end of each row.

Keep your compost heaps along the edge - If you keep your compost heap along the edge of your garden, the mineral-rich water drainage that goes through it will saturate the surrounding area, enriching it. It also allows you to water your compost heap with whatever excess you might otherwise lose when using a sprinkler. Best of all, though, next planting season, rather than carting your fresh compost across the yard, you need only rake it out flat and you've got instant, soft earth that has just expanded your planting area. When your heap gets a couple of feet high, simply start a new one right next to it, and cover the old one with dirt and mulch. It'll continue to break down throughout the year without your help.

Space rows wide enough to sit between them - Even though the package of radishes and carrots says you need only plant them a few inches apart, remember that you still have to get in there and weed the things. If you can't sit down, there's probably not enough space to move through the rows comfortably. Don't worry about food loss. Remember the adage: he who sews thinly, reaps thickly; he who sews thickly, reaps thinly.

Line your planting area with a border - I only had enough border to do the bottom edge, and I'd only done it to retain the soil. What I didn't realize is how much this helps keep grass from spreading back into the fertile area. I really wish I'd had more borders down before the grass had come back. Now I'm fighting grass and weeds.

Water early, Water late - Two brief waterings (30min or so) spaced around 10 hours apart are a lot better on average than one hour-long watering. This is pretty subject to local climate and specific crops though, but it's a good rule of thumb, as most veg require lots of water.

If you wait, it's too late - If I've learned anything at all from this process, it's that if you wait until the day the stores no longer have food, or when you can't afford to buy it, then you waited too late to grow your own food supply. You'll starve before you'll ever get to subsist off of it. If you have any concern that you might need to grow your own food supply, the time to start is while there is still food on the table, and the prospect of it being there tomorrow is still likely. Even a perfectly tended garden will take weeks and months before producing anything edible.

This is what I've learned so far, and I haven't even yielded any veg yet. I'm sure I'll learn more along the way, and veteran vegetable gardeners feel free to give any advice you have.

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## Support HR24 for Impeachment Hearings Tomorrow. Bringing Bush and Cheney to Justice!

Created by: [Master\\_Wii](#) on April 15, flags: 43, replies: 72  
[web.mac.com](#)

"The historic vote on New Hampshire State House Resolution HR 24, introduced by 87 year old State Representative Betty Hall, will be coming to a vote tomorrow, Wednesday, April 16th. If adopted, New Hampshire will not only be the first-in-the-nation presidential primary but the first-in-the-nation on impeachment, employing Jefferson's Manual rules, whereby a single state legislature may direct Congress to initiate hearings. This avenue has never before been employed for a president or vice president, and so legal ramifications are not clear. What is clear is that legal scholars would have to get to work to decipher the meaning."(visit the link for the full news article)

[edit on 15-4-2008 by Master\_Wii]

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## Everybody in Los Angeles is a DRUG FIEND

Created by: [battlestargalactica](#) on April 5, flags: 42, replies: 122

Everybody in Los Angeles is a DRUG FIEND

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

People in Los Angeles (LA) are druggies, they are taking drugs that have the following effects:

- Calming and Anti-Anxiety effects
- Muscle Relaxant effects
- Mood Stabilization effects
- Reduction of Brain Electrical Activity effects

These are the drugs being consumed:

Equanil®

(aka: Miltown® by Wallace Laboratories, Equanil® by Wyeth, and Meprospan®)

Dilantin®

(aka: Kapseals®, Infatabs®, Eptoin® by Abbott Group in India and as Epanutin®)

Let me explain:

►The above drugs, brand names and effects are from the following compounds found in the Los Angeles DRINKING WATER SUPPLY during an independent water analysis conducted in the city of Los Angeles as well as in 28 other cities and towns in the USA. The testing was conducted by independent researchers and the findings say that 24 out of 28 cities tested show drinking water have at least one type of pharmaceutical in them.

24 major metropolitan areas tested (positive) for pharmaceuticals

►In the case of LA, 2 drugs were found, those being Phenytoin and Meprobamate. In the cities tested, both prescription and non-prescription drugs were detected. Some of the tests only tested for certain drugs, while other tests were more comprehensive.

1. Phenytoin-Phenytoin sodium is a commonly used antiepileptic. It was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1953 for use in seizures. Phenytoin acts to damp the unwanted, runaway brain activity seen in seizure by reducing electrical conductance among brain cells by stabilizing the inactive state of voltage gated sodium channels.

"There are some indications that phenytoin has other effects, including anxiety control and mood stabilization, although it has never been approved for those purposes by the FDA. Jack Dreyfus became a major proponent of phenytoin as a means to control nervousness and depression..he is believed to have supplied large amounts of the drug to Richard Nixon. Dreyfus' book about his experience with phenytoin, "A Remarkable Medicine Has Been Overlooked", sits on the shelves of many physicians courtesy of the work of his foundation.

(marketed as Phenytek® by Mylan Laboratories, previously Bertek Pharmaceuticals, and Dilantin®; also Dilantin® Kapseals® and Dilantin® Infatabs® in the USA, Eptoin® by Abbott Group in India and as Epanutin® in the UK and Israel, by Parke-Davis, now part of Pfizer)"

2. Meprobamate-is used as an anxiolytic drug. It was the best-selling minor tranquilizer for a quite some time. It has also been used off-label as a sedative.

(marketed under the brand names Miltown® by Wallace Laboratories, Equanil® by Wyeth, and Meprospan®)

» Let's take a look at the listing of cities and the drugs found in their water supplies:

- "• Arlington, Texas: 1 (unspecified pharmaceutical)
- Atlanta: 3 (acetaminophen, caffeine and cotinine)
- Cincinnati: 1 (caffeine)

- Columbus, Ohio: 5 (azithromycin, roxithromycin, tylosin, virginiamycin and caffeine)
- Concord, Calif.: 2 (meprobamate and sulfamethoxazole)
- Denver: (unspecified antibiotics)
- Detroit: (unspecified drugs)
- Indianapolis: 1 (caffeine)
- Las Vegas: 3 (carbamazepine, meprobamate and phenytoin)
- Long Beach, Calif.: 2 (meprobamate and phenytoin)
- Los Angeles: 2 (meprobamate and phenytoin)
- Louisville, Ky.: 3 (caffeine, carbamazepine and phenytoin)
- Milwaukee: 1 (cotinine)
- Minneapolis: 1 (caffeine)
- New Orleans: 3 (clofibrilic acid, estrone and naproxen)
- Northern New Jersey: 7 (caffeine, carbamazepine, codeine, cotinine, dehydronifedipine, diphenhydramine and sulfathiazole)
- Philadelphia: 56 (including amoxicillin, azithromycin, carbamazepine, diclofenac, prednisone and tetracycline)
- Portland, Ore.: 4 (acetaminophen, caffeine, ibuprofen and sulfamethoxazole)
- Riverside County, Calif.: 2 (meprobamate and phenytoin)
- San Diego: 3 (ibuprofen, meprobamate and phenytoin)
- San Francisco: 1 (estradiol)
- Southern California: 2 (meprobamate and phenytoin)
- Tucson, Ariz.: 3 (carbamazepine, dehydronifedipine and sulfamethoxazole)
- Washington, D.C.: 6 (carbamazepine, caffeine, ibuprofen, monensin, naproxen and sulfamethoxazole)"

►What are all of these drugs doing in our water supply? This isn't even comprehensive testing for pharmaceuticals either, some tests in cities were only for certian drugs. I wonder what a full list of drugs would look like?

►What does this mean, what do these drugs in our water do to us and why are they there? These and many other questions come to mind. Perhaps by looking at what effects these drugs produce, or by looking at the 'category' these drugs fall into, or look at the general big picture of the drugs and there effects can we make some conclusions?

►So LA has drugs contained in the water that have calming, anti-anxiety, anti-brain activity and mood stabilization effects. If someone is purposely adding these drugs to the water, why? Well LA, besides being know for Hollywood, the beach, celebs, Beverly Hills etc, pertaining to this discussion, is also known for the LA riots in 1992, known as the Rodney King Riots and the 1965 WATTS riot in Los Angeles. Could it be that



the city planners (possibly stemming from a higher agenda as well?) want to quell any future violence by illegally adding these drugs the water, effectively drugging all of LA? Now unless someone has a giant prescription card writing capability, I would say this drugging is quite illegal.

» Let's look at some other cities...

► San Francisco. Now before I explain the drug in SF's water, I ask: Political correctness aside, what kind of a drug would you say might be in that city's water supply illegally?

Come up with an answer yet? Read about the drug that was found in the San Francisco water supply.

Estradiol-Estradiol (also oestradiol) is a sex hormone. Mislabeled the "female" hormone, it is also present in males; it represents the major estrogen in humans. Estradiol has not only a critical impact on reproductive and sexual functioning, but also affects other organs including bone structure.

► Continued Below/

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## The World According to Monsanto - A documentary that Americans won't ever see.

Created by: [RabbitChaser](#) on April 14, flags: 42, replies: 72  
"On March 11 a new documentary was aired on French television (ARTE – French-German cultural tv channel) by French journalist and film ... all » maker Marie-Monique Robin, The World According to Monsanto - A documentary that Americans won't ever see. The gigantic biotech corporation Monsanto is threatening to destroy the agricultural biodiversity which has served mankind for thousands of years."

*(isit the thread to view linked videos)*

It's a nearly 2 hour documentary -- I'm 10 min. in but figured I'd get it posted asap. Back to comment later, most likely.

And this web page with some info surrounding the bee situation, going back to last year.

Google vid was pulled, but I found and replaced it with a YouTube Video (5 parts)

[edit on 24/4/08 by masqua]

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## The Reverse-Conspiracy-Theory

Created by: [Skyfloating](#) on April 14, flags: 42, replies: 214

This is a thread on the polar opposite of the "Illuminati, New World Order Conspiracy Theory". I haven't found this concept fully expressed on ATS yet, so I'll express it right here. I will substantiate the claims I make through personal accounts.

\*Warning: Contains concepts hazardous to your outlook\*

The reverse-conspiracy-theory is frowned upon by the mainstream, who don't believe in hidden forces and mechanisms ruling the world, but it's also frowned upon by most conspiracy-theorists / society-critics because it doesn't believe that these elites are necessarily all evil.

Reverse-Conspiracy-Theory (RCT) states that conspiracy-theorists are right in suspecting hidden forces at work, but partially wrong about the intentions and goals of these forces.

RCT believes similar to that which "world-conspiracy-theory" believes, but the other way around.

\* "The Illuminati" are "the enlightened ones" - forces of progress, goodwill and enlightenment.

\* The opponents of "the illuminati" are the forces of death, bigotry, stupidity, oppression, suppression.

\* The "New World Order" will not be a totalitarian surveillance state but a "New Age" of beauty, freedom, diversity, self-determination, peace and prosperity.

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How is the RCT arrived at? By looking at "The Illuminatis" opponents. Seeing that those who hate "the Illuminati" (analogous to "The Elite") are religious zealots, racists, bigots and fearmongers it must necessarily follow that the Illuminati are everything the fearmongers hate: Forces of love and intelligence.

Here are a few examples of some "conspiracy-theorists" having "the world on backwards":

1. "Jews/Zionists are evil world rulers. The Holocaust didn't happen".

This worldview is promoted by mass-murdering Nazis and their modern off-spring.

Personal Experience: The mom of my mom was deported to a concentration-camp and a direct witness to the atrocities. She died a few years ago in a mental-institution. She had kept her stay there secret from my family by wearing a wrist-band (above the number engraved into her skin) and never mentioning it. She had only started revealing her traumatic past a few months before her death. The memories overwhelmed her and she had a nervous-breakdown (thus the mental-institution).

Contrast this with the daily Holocaust-Denial threads popping up here.

2. "The U.S. is evil and nations such as North Korea and Iran are the one's standing up to the evil conspiracy".

Stuff like this is only promoted by "para-politics researchers" who havent done any travelling but mostly remained within their own hickstown realm trying to assemble a worldview from there. Ive had the displeasure of travelling communist countries and also iran and absolutely know from personal experiences that it is these regimes who are the oppressive ones. The sense you get in these countries is one of depression, anger and darkness. The sense you get when returning to the "evil" U.S. or Europe is one of lightness and relief.

3. "The occult involves satanic rituals, child rape, cannabilism, zombification and other forms of evil perversion. There is an evil occult theocracy ruling the world".

This lie is perpetuated by fundamentalist and evangelical christians who have lost touch to reality.

Anyone who actually studies "the occult" like I did, soon finds out that "occultism" is a mix of hermeticism, esotericism and applied spirituality.

It involves: Meditation, Concentration, Visualization, Yogic Discipline and psychological processes to invoke states of peace, compassion and appreciation towards humanity. Dont believe it? Join an occult society such as the O.T.O. As a all-talk/no-walk religious-zealout you'll soon get bored by all the peace-inducing stuff practiced.

This is a far cry from what paranoid extremist-christian propaganda teaches. Extremist-Christianity on the other hand spawns intolerance, fear, seperation, the "Others are wrong" mentality and an outrageously infantile view of the universe.

4. "Evil Freemasons rule the world".

Another variation of nazi-, communist-, and extremist-christian/muslim propaganda directed at a group who is actually responsible for acts of kindness (charity), tolerance and global mutual understanding. It is because of prepresenting these virtues that they've been expelled and persecuted in any regime that opposes goodness.

Far from being "involved in the occult" or "ruling the world" the masons are so tame that they are almost boring. This is obvious to anyone who has attended masonic lodges or has masonic friends. The only people to who this is not obvious are those that have been brainwashed by the literature and preaching sermons of delusional fanatics.

I could list a few dozen other examples of this "having the truth on backwards" but I think Ive made my point.

Why would "enlightened ones" keep so much secret? Because they'd be slandered, killed, hung, burnt and destroyed by forces of ignorance.

Those wanting an "end to all secrets" are those who want a completely transparent "big brother society". See the irony?

Ive been slandered as a "devil-worshipper" for the simple fact of promoting new-age-ideas. The fact that I am a normal, tame, everyday-type-person who has never done anyone physical harm, doesnt seem to make a difference to people steeped in an attitude bordering the clinically insane.

Take note that the origin of "secret societies" was to protect from the tyranny. Tyranny conducted by the hitler regime, by the catholic inquisition, by the soviet regime and by anyone opposed to decency, common sense and a spiritual well-being.

Does this mean I believe all abrahamic religions to be evil? No. I am talking about the extremist forces within these religions and ideologies. I have muslim, christian, jewish and atheist friends. But these are no paranoid extremists. They are able to have their religion without the need to force it onto others.

Does this mean I believe conspiracy-theories to be wrong? No. Browsing through ATS you can find plenty of real topics, real cover-ups, real issues.

Its the extremist-forces that are causing the worlds ills. These extremist-forces abuse conspiracy-theory for their own selfish benefit. How? By making up wild conspiracy-theories against groups they hate/fear in order to strengthen and justify their own existence.

In other words: Some groups cant exist without projecting an enemy to fight against.

And thats the real conspiracy: Indoctrinating and brainwashing people into weird belief-systems that project all kinds of evils and enemies one is supposed to "fight" and "conquer".

In other words: Our government may be bad...but there's far worse out there, once one gets priorities straight.

What originally drew me to this site (ATS) was curiosity and the drive to learn and find out more. For me this is possible by ignoring 30% of all threads that only deal with hate- and fear propaganda and are more about slandering decent people and complaining about life than true in-depth research with the intent of bringing wrongs to light and making the world a more honest place.

The Reverse-Conspiracy-Theory states that those pointing a hard finger at others have four-fingers pointing at themselves. For every wrong you find about one of those "elites" I could show you four wrongs by the groups opponent.

At the end of the day though, finding "wrongs" about anyone wont do anymore. Personally contributing something of value to the world will.

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## Serial Killer Team Drowning Victims Across The Country

Created by: [Dulcimer](#) on April 26, flags: 42, replies: 392

I found this short article while browsing the Coast To Coast AM website and I found it fascinating.

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Could there be a calculated, cross-country plot to kill young college men, including some in Minnesota? It seems a little hard to believe, but two New York detectives say they can prove it.

University of Minnesota college student Chris Jenkins was found in the Mississippi River in February of 2003. Minneapolis Police began investigating the case, which also caught the attention of two retired NYPD detectives.

Turns out, Jenkins' death was the missing part of the puzzle for Kevin Gannon and Anthony Duarte.

They think Jenkins connects dozens of other deaths around the country over the last decade. The stories are the same all over the country--an athletic, intelligent, well-liked college student goes missing.

Family and friends launch a massive search. Weeks or months later, the young man is discovered drowned. In more than 40 cases, the deaths are blamed on a drunken accident--except for one.

I actually remember a case like this being on TV.... CNN or CNN headline news if I remember correctly. A young man was missing after a night of partying and was found drowned. I cannot remember where it was.

The article gets really interesting towards the end.

"I think it is a serial killer, but not one individual. I would just say, a group of individuals, probably located in more than one state," Duarte said, adding that he thinks they may kill again.

A Signature?

While most local investigations focused on where a body was recovered, Gannon and Duarte tried to figure out where the body went into the river.

City after city, when they'd find the spot where the body went in, they would find something else: The symbol of a smiley face.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

They found one eight years ago in Wisconsin and then others in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana. Then most recently, they believe they've found one in Iowa.

In Michigan, they found something strange among the group's graffiti: the word 'Sinsiniwa.' They couldn't figure out what it meant until a few months later when

they arrived in Dubuque, Iowa to investigate the death of Matt Kruziki.

His body was found on Sinsiniwa Avenue.

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### Source Article

This is very interesting stuff... A good mystery for the ATS members to look into.

I managed to find a few other sources covering this.

Related Stories

### Jenkins Murder Investigation

#### Student's Murder Linked To Others

Chris Jenkins Story Archives

#### Case Now Ruled A Murder

#### Coincidence Or Serial Killer?

#### 4 Missing, Parents Ask For Help

#### Man Was Thrown In River

This article from 2003 is great. It really hits home when you have todays information.

"

Three-and-a-half months ago, Steve Jenkins got the call that rocked his family's life -- his son, Chris, never made it home from a Halloween party. He was a star athlete and honor student at the University of Minnesota. Chris Jenkins was the first of six who disappeared.

\* Oct. 31: Friends saw the 21-year-old Jenkins, from Racine County, leaving a downtown Minneapolis bar dressed in his Halloween costume. No one's seen him since.

\* Nov. 6: 75 miles east, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire student Michael Noll vanished after leaving a party at the Nasty Habit tavern. It was his 22nd birthday.

\* Nov. 9: 75 miles west, 20-year-old Josh Guimond disappeared as he headed home from a card party in a dorm at St. John's University.

\* Dec. 12: 18-year-old Chad Sharon was going back to the dorm after an off-campus party near Notre Dame. There's been no trace of the northern Wisconsin teenager.

\* Dec. 20: 17-year-old Brian Carrick was seen walking into the Johnsbury, Ill., grocery store where he worked. No one saw him walk out.

\* Jan. 10: 21-year-old Nathan Herr headed home from Thursday's \$10-all-you-can-drink night at a Sheboygan sports bar and vanished without a trace.

Chris Jenkins' dad takes each disappearance personally.

"When the first disappeared, I heard about it. When Josh disappeared, then I became concerned, and I started comparing cases," Jenkins said.

Jenkins sees a pattern.

### Source Article

The Jenkins File Documents

#### Police File Regarding Disappearance

## Reenactment Of The Drowning

### Other Documents

Minnesota and Wisconsin victims that detectives believe may be related

(INFORMATION FROM DET. KEVIN GANNON)

Wisconsin

1) Charles Blatz 28 yrs

Missing-9/28/97 La Crosse, Wisc.

Found-10/03/97 -- Mississippi River --BAC (0.20)

2) Anthony Skifton 19 yrs

Missing-10/10/97 La Crosse, Wisc.

Found-- 10/20/97-- Mississippi River --Bac (0.23)

3) Nathan Kapfer 20 yrs

Missing-2/22/98 La Crosse, Wisc.

Found---4/04/98 -- Mississippi River -Bac (0.22)

Third (3rd) child missing within five (5) months, (9/20/97 ---2/22/98). Not just the same state but the same town of La Crosse.

4) Jeffrey Geesey 21 yrs.

Missing-4/11/99 La Crosse, Wisc.

Found---5/24/99 - Mississippi River - Bac (0.42)

5) Craig Burrows 23 yrs.

Missing-9/29/02 Eau Claire, Wisc.

Found--10/06/02 - Half Moon Lake

6) Michael Noll 22 yrs.

Missing-11/06/02 Eau Claire, Wisc.

Found----8/19/03 - Half Moon Lake

7) Nathan Herr 21 yrs.

Missing-01/10/03 Sheboygan, Wisc.

Found---3/15/03 - Lake Michigan

Third (3rd) child missing within less than three (3 1/2) months, (9/29/02--01/10/03)

8) Jared Dion 21 yrs.

Missing--4/10/04 La Crosse, Wisc.

Found----4/15/04 -- Mississippi River -Bac (0.40)

9) Joshua Snell 22 yrs. (in from Minnesota for a wedding)

Missing-6/12/05 Eau Claire, Wisc.

Found---6/15/05 - Chippewa River

10) Cullen Fortney 21 yrs.

Missing 1/08/06 Mississippi River La Crosse, Wisc.

Found---1/08/06 - ALIVE Bac (0.043-0.1643)

11) Kenji Ohnri 20 yrs.

Missing-01/28/06 Madison, Wisc.

Found----6/19/06 - Lake Mendota

12) Lucas Homan 21 yrs

Missing-9/30/06 La Crosse, Wisc.

Found--10/02/06 - Mississippi River

Minnesota

1) Ken Christiansen 19 yrs.

Missing-4/13/01 Duluth, Minn.

Found---4/16/01 - Chester Creek

2) Christopher Nordby 27 yrs.

Missing-11/07/01 Minneapolis, Minn.

Found----2/11/02 - Mississippi River

3) Christopher Jenkins 21 yrs.

Missing-10/31/02 Minneapolis, Minn.

Found---02/27/03 - Mississippi River

4) Joshua Guimond 20 yrs.

Missing-11/09/02 Collegetown, Minn.

Found---( ) Never Found

5) Jeremy Stienkeoway 24 yrs.

Missing-01/20/03 Hinckley, Minn.

Found----4/10/03 - St. Croix River

6) Patrick Kycia 19 yrs.

Missing-9/23/05 Moorhead, Minn.

Found---9/28/05 - Red River

7) Scot Radel 21 yrs.

Missing-02/02/05 St. Cloud, Minn.

Found----3/01/06

### Possible Victim Map

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## Ron Paul introduces Medical Marijuana Patient Protection Act

Created by: [Maxmars](#) on April 29, flags: 42, replies: 45

[planetsave.com](#)

"Paul has introduced the "Medical Marijuana Patient Protection Act", H.R. 5842, which would bar the Federal Government from intervening in doctor/patient relationships that violate no state law."(visit the link for the full news article)

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## John Titor Prediction 2008 Olympics in China Cancelled - Comes True?

Created by: [battlestargalactica](#) on April 6, flags: 41, replies: 198

John Titor Prediction 2008

Olympics Called Off in China Comes True?

(visit the thread to view linked images)

John Titor made a prediction in 2000 that the 2008 Olympics would be called off, actually stating that no Olympics were held past the year 2004.

Question is: How would peoples perception of the John Titor story change if the 2008 Olympics in China were canceled?

Keeping in mind that the 2006 Winter Olympics were in fact held successfully..

For a back story on what the heck I'm talking about, check here:

(I have no affiliation with that site)

...and I will summarize:

Back in year 2000, a forum poster by the name of John Titor and forum name Timetravel\_0, started writing about who he was (a time traveler) and even posted pictures of his time machine ( a Corvette with a futuristic timedevice) and devices. That forum (godlikeproductions) blew up with activity, and soon many were asking questions.

During his many posts, some lengthy, some more succinct, he made numerous statements and predictions. He also described the physics and science of the time, as well as stating there was a war that occurred in year 2036(?) and he was here for an undisclosed mission. In 2001 he left and has never since returned nor posted again.

One of the interesting things is that during his posts, John stated his mission was to travel to our past, to 1975, to retrieve a certain computer, an IBM 5100, an outdated one by our standards, and an even more outdated one by future standards, however, he stated that the computer had the unique ability to interface with many other computer systems.

►He said it was unique in this capacity, and that his future needed this computer due to problems stemming from the war (2036) and rebuild efforts. This was the only computer that could do the job.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Well it turns out that the IBM 5100 computer information was TRUE, and only a handful of people even knew of that particular capability. This ability was also NOT published as part of the technical manuals nor as any advertising, it was only known by a handful of the computers designers and engineers. This was revealed from one of those such people:

"According to Bob Dubke, the second engineer on IBM's 5100 team in Rochester (who now co-owns a locally-based company called eXport Ventures Corp. and also works for Edina Realty), that secret function was his contribution to the design of the computer. The function, which IBM suppressed because of worries about how their competition might use it, was an interface between the assembly code surrounding the computer's ROM exterior, and the 360 emulator hidden beneath it."

Why would the China Olympics be called off?

Due to the protests and boycott of other countries over the Chinese treatment and handling of the Tibetans.

Many countries are in an uproar concerning the treatment of the Tibetans in China, with the Olympics so close, will some countries boycott the entire event?

What will the USA do, other major countries..? It is

also a political decision that needs to be considered as well.

UPDATE:

Actually here's Johns prediction:

JOHN - As a result of the many conflicts, no, there were no official Olympics after 2004. However, it appears they may be revived in 2040.

So what do we think? For those that have followed Johns predictions, and for those that are just now learning of John Titor, if the Olympics are CANCELED, what becomes of perceptions of John Titor and belief in his future prediction (his predictions he made of future events)?

p.s. If you enjoy this thread flag it!

References:

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## **Codex Alimentarius (Mandate That Will Starve 3 Billion People to be In Place by 12/31/09)**

Created by: [jackinthebox](#) on April 7, flags: 41, replies: 158

This video is a few years old, so I apologize if has been posted before. I just discovered it yesterday. Each segment is about eight minutes long.

I believe this measures have been slowly implemented over time, and that we have failed to notice any of this as a result. Here is a thread discussing the starvation of the American public...

**"Let Them Eat Cake!"**

Here is the website mentioned in the video...

This is the official Codex site...

We are already being deliberately starved of essential nutrients to the point of debilitating disease and death. Soon, essential nutrients will be made illegal under Napoleonic Code type law, as opposed to Common Law.

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## Look Up At The Sky This April 22nd

Created by: [xnibirux](#) on April 3, flags: 40, replies: 319

Many people will think I am crazy but please. There is talk of a massive ufo fly over soon. Remember this, deep intention manifests. What that means (and I know this sounds crazy) is if enough people focus their thoughts on one event, the event happens.

If a mass population focus their thoughts with deep intention of a massive fly over on a certain moment in time, the event WILL manifest. Keep in mind, the heart's intention must be there. THIS is the greatest secret of overcoming the illusionary way of life we are forced to live. The masses are taught fear, and that's exactly what they manifest on a mass scale. You should really think about this and not just block it out; open up to it. This is the true power of mankind, and it has been corrupted for centuries. Our galactic brothers are NOT to be feared (as they have been taught to be). Love is their message, and what mankind is in desperate need of. So please, with your heart's intention

Look up at the sky this April 22nd, and think of this.

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## Three States Subjected To 'Martial Law Sweeps'

Created by: [DimensionalDetective](#) on April 18, flags: 39, replies: 105

[www.infowars.com](#)

"Law-enforcement agencies in Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas took part in what was described by local media as "an anti-crime and anti-terrorism initiative" involving officers from more than 50 federal, state and local agencies.

Given the military style name "Operation Sudden Impact", the initiative saw officers from six counties rounding up fugitives, conducting traffic checkpoints, climbing on boats on the Mississippi River and doing other "crime-abatement" programs all under the label of "anti-terrorism".

WREG Memphis news channel 3 reported that the Sheriff's Department arrested 332 people, 142 of whom were fugitives, or "terrorists" as they now seem to be known.

Hundreds of dollars were seized and drugs recovered, and 1,292 traffic violations were handed out to speeding terrorists and illegally parked terrorists.

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## Confidential document said to warn of conflict or revolution for America

Created by: [Master\\_Wii](#) on April 3, flags: 37, replies: 111

[www.waynemadsenreport.com](#)

"WMR has learned from knowledgeable sources within the US financial community that an alarming confidential and limited distribution document is circulating among senior members of Congress and their senior staff members that is warning of a bleak future for the United States if it does not quickly get its financial house in order. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is among those who have reportedly read the document.

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## Food Rationing Hitting US Stores?

Created by: [loam](#) on April 21, flags: 37, replies: 177

[www2.nysun.com](#)

"Many parts of America, long considered the breadbasket of the world, are now confronting a once unthinkable phenomenon: food rationing. Major retailers in New York, in areas of New England, and on the West Coast are limiting purchases of flour, rice, and cooking oil as demand outstrips supply. There are also anecdotal reports that some consumers are hoarding grain stocks.

At a Costco Warehouse in Mountain View, Calif., yesterday, shoppers grew frustrated and occasionally uttered expletives as they searched in vain for the large sacks of rice they usually buy.

"Where's the rice?" an engineer from Palo Alto, Calif., Yajun Liu, said. "You should be able to buy something like rice. This is ridiculous."

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## UFO PROOF! You Missed The Disclosure!

Created by: [ALLisONE](#) on April 5, flags: 36, replies: 203

I know all of you have seen the STS-75 Tether Videos. But did you really STUDY IT?

The common argument is "space debris". But the video shows teleportation and controlled flight! These are showing intelligent movement! "Things in motion stay in motion unless acted upon by an outside force." These things are turning!

I will show some illustrated examples, but first re-watch this video and study every dot!

*(isit the thread to view linked videos)*

Example #1

At 00:34-00:35 in the video above, a UFO teleports directly into view. As shown in the image below:

Right after that UFO teleports into view, it flies parallel to the Tether for a short distance. Then it decided to make a turn! The image below illustrates the flight path:

Looks almost like a 90 degree turn!

How can "space debris" teleport, and make a 90 degree turn?

Example #2

At 2:55 into the video above, another UFO teleports directly into view. As show in the image below:

Right after teleporting, the UFO travels upwards, slows down to a stop, then decides to make a u-turn! Not only that but it travels back were it came from, and ITS SPEED SLOWLY INCREASES!

The illustration below shows its flight path:

There are MANY more examples of these UFO's teleporting, speeding up, slowing down, turning, and flashing. How can these be "space debris"?

Did NASA let these videos out for a reason? Was this a semi-disclosure?

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## Millions of people disappear every year

Created by: [Skyfloating](#) on April 6, flags: 34, replies: 193

Every year millions of people just disappear without a trace. Ive always wondered why not too many people are asking more questions about this. Where do they go? Sometimes their cars or planes (steve fossett) disappear with them. As if they never existed. :o

### ***Disappearing people in the U.S.***

"In the U.S. alone there are reports of over 10,000,000 people going missing per year. Out of this figure 500,000 are never found. Some of these people are victims of crimes but some are just gone. Sometimes it is not one person that disappears but a group of people. A man and his wife were sleeping. in a motel on a trip across the country in 1959. When she woke up, he was no longer by her side and had vanished, never to be seen again. Everything of his was still there, including his clothes, money, luggage, car, etc. Now let me ask you this, who would run off naked? This is a strange story indeed. Another couple was driving across country and was never seen again and this was in 1970. Their car vanished also. Were they the victims of some modern day highway men who killed them and scrapped their auto? "

It has been estimated that a small part of these disappearances are due to crime and kidnapping. But what about the rest? A few theories:

\* Someone does a "time-slip" and enters a parallel universe or another dimension.

\* "Rapture"

\* A less known theory is that it is possible to enter other dimensions while dreaming in your sleep. The idea is that if you practice "lucid dreaming" (dreaming while knowing that you are dreaming) there is the danger of entering another world or time-line...by which your existence and also your body disappear in this world.

\* "Spontaneous Human Combustion" (a process investigated by some parapsychologists whereby bodies suddenly burn to ashes)

\* Abduction by aliens

\* Mass kidnapping by clandestine operations

\* Other not yet thought of explanations.

Do you know someone who has gone missing?

Or do you know someone who knows someone who has gone missing?

How do you explain all the people disappearing?

Anyone have any good links, statistics or books on this subject?

[edit on 6-4-2008 by Skyfloating]

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## Not with a bang, but a whimper

Created by: [dr\\_strangepcraft](#) on April 24, flags: 34, replies: 32

"

This is the way the world ends

Not with a bang but a whimper.

-T.S. Eliot, The Hollow Men

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One focus of my research in history has been to study the collapse of civilizations and economies. While many posters on ATS prefer to focus one cataclysmic events such as disease or war, there are many civilizations and economies that collapsed due to other forces, or even a sort of undefineable general disintegration.

The Anasazi, the cliff-dwellers of the Native American Southwest are one example. Though they may have come under pressure from the Aztec Empire and several severe droughts, a long-term change in climate was not their death so much as a loss of organization. The ruins of Chaco canyon show an intricate pattern of irrigation, that made their culture fairly drought tolerant, but evidence shows the irrigation network was slowly abandoned in progressive waves. It is not known if the

people were kidnapped by slavers, or succumbed slowly to long-term disease, or internal warfare.

Another example is the Black Death in Europe in the 14th century. Most of what you've been taught is not accurate. Black Death was definitely not caused by bubonic plague in rat-infested cities; it spread just as quickly in small villages and isolated farms. And it didn't kill everyone; often no more than 10% of the population in any one plague. But over a period of 50 years, seventy five percent of Europe's population was dead. No one disease, one plague or one outbreak killed them all. Instead, their society succumbed to a long-term medical crisis they couldn't shake. And Medieval civilization collapsed, to be replaced by the Renaissance.

I'll save some other examples for a future post.

For now, assume with me that our society is entering one of these "whimper" periods of cultural attrition and pruning back.

Imagine the following scenario:

1. Gasoline prices where you live increase an average of 5% per week for the foreseeable future.
2. Electricity prices rise at the same rate; electricity is "voluntarily" turned off for a set time period each week by your utility provider. Suppose that an additional hour of blackout is imposed each week, until eventually the lights go out and never come back on.
3. Food costs rise by about 10% per month for the rest of your life. Gardening supplies become unavailable at brick and mortar stores starting this month, and never return.
4. Violent crime almost disappears; yet theft becomes pandemic, and passersby will steal anything having even remote value. Food scraps cigarette butts, aluminum siding, and fencing materials (Moscow in the early 1990's; USA in the great depression).
5. Most media companies go bankrupt, as advertizing no longer sells goods. Newspapers, radio, TV, even the internet, all of them shut down over a period of months.

So, how will you respond?

-There isn't a lot of violence, and your neighborhood remains fairly calm even as people become desparate.

-Most stores stay in business, though more and more empty aisles are roped off, and employees are turned away, as the delivery trucks come less and less frequently, and arrive with more and more empty space.

-The usurge in petty theft means you can safely walk the streets at night (since there's a crowd on foot everywhere you go), but your garden isn't safe, and bicycles are stolen, even when chained to a post.

-many people become tramps, walking to the next city or town in response to rumors of jobs or charity food lines. If you live in a city of more than 75,000, people

are drifting away, leaving empty apartments and houses around you. If you live in a town of less than 20,000, the population creeps up as hobos arrive looking for opportunity.

-Cities go bankrupt. Mail service goes first, then fire and finally water service. When abandoned buildings are accidentally torched by squatters, they are allowed to burn themselves out.

How will you cope with all this negative change???

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## Bush Stimulus Package - Was It A DEAL or DUD? SOUND OFF

Created by: **Dave Rabbit** on April 25, flags: **34**, replies: **91**

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush said tax rebates will start going out Monday, earlier than previously announced, and should help Americans cope with rising gasoline and food prices, as well as aid a slumping economy.

**See Full Article Here**

Okay.... up to \$600 for a single person, up to \$1,200.00 for a married person..... and an additional \$300.00 for each dependent child.

QUESTION: Is this really going to do anything but be a very short term allowance? Considering it takes over \$50.00 average to fill up a car, it won't take long to go through the money especially when you add in the rising cost of food, utilities and insurance.

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[edit on 8/31/2008 by Dave Rabbit]

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## Mass Mind Control Through Network TV: Are Your Thoughts Your Own?

Created by: **DimensionalDetective** on April 23, flags: **33**, replies: **41**

**[www.informationliberation.com](http://www.informationliberation.com)**

"Why do countless American people go along with the War on Iraq? Why do so many people call for a police state control grid? A major component to a full understanding of why this kind of governmental and



corporate corruption is to discover the modern science of mind control and social engineering. It's baffling to merely glance at the stacks of documentation that this world government isn't being constructed for the greater good of humanity. Although there are a growing number of people waking up the reality of our growing transparent soft cage, there seems to be just enough citizens who are choosing to remain asleep. Worse yet, there are even those who were at least partially awake at one time but found it necessary to return to the slumber of dreamland.

This is no accident; this is a carefully crafted design. The drive to dumb down the populations of planet earth is a classic art that existed before the United States did. "(visit the link for the full news article)

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## Reality: The Grand Illusion

Created by: [TheBandit795](#) on April 29, flags: 33, replies: 122

This is a good read. It explains why there will be a paradigm shift happening, which will be the reverse of what we currently think of reality.

We currently think reality is "out there" and that it exists outside and independent of us. The new (super) paradigm will be like this. There is an underlying reality, but we never experience it directly. What we perceive, what we see is nothing but the construction of our consciousness. Everything that exists around us is created by consciousness and is projected according to it.

Reality (everything in the universe and every experience we have) is all in the mind. All within our consciousness, and is created by our consciousness.

**REALITY: The Grand Illusion**

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## Constitutional Lawyer: Bush 'Ordered War Crimes'

Created by: [DimensionalDetective](#) on April 4, flags: 32, replies: 81

[rawstory.com](#)

"For constitutional lawyer Jonathan Turley, the latest memo should be more than enough reason for Congress to begin some serious investigations, but hesitance to really dig into Bush-authorized "war crimes" have precluded them from doing so, he says.

"It is really amazing because Congress -- including the Democrats -- have avoided any type of investigation into torture because they do not want to deal with the fact that the president ordered war crimes," Turley told

MSNBC's Keith Olbermann Thursday night. "But evidence keeps on coming out.... What you get from this is this was a premeditated and carefully orchestrated torture program. Not torture, but a torture program."

"(visit the link for the full news article)

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## Free Tibet? Hell, free America!

Created by: [budski](#) on April 17, flags: 32, replies: 211

[www.sfgate.com](#)

" We have torture. We have a frighteningly simpleminded cowboy-wannabe president who supports and endorses the most inhumane treatment of prisoners imaginable despite its utter failure as a tactic, and this violent belief, this dark energy infects the national bloodstream like prehistoric malaria.

We have capital punishment. We remain the only so-called advanced first-world democracy on the planet that legally kills its own, and we top it off by imprisoning tens of thousands more merely for growing or selling a bit of marijuana or Ecstasy or meth, wasting tens of billions of dollars on an overflowing prison system and a failed drug war that no one at the highest levels of government dares speak against because oh my God all drugs are evil! Now go slam a few beers and a fistful of Xanax and forget about it.

We still have a hateful fundamentalist religious right that, despite nicely fracturing itself over the fact that certain chunks of it aren't hateful enough toward women and gays and sex and non-Christian beliefs, still freaks out when kids play dress up, still is horrified by the notion of a black or female president, still honestly believes homosexuality is an abomination and Jesus spoke perfect English and stem cells have feelings and cavemen rode dinosaurs and the vagina is Satan's playground. Which, of course, it totally is. But in a good way. "(visit the link for the full news article)

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## US Navy Responsible For Earthquakes

Created by: [danman23](#) on April 21, flags: **32**, replies: 230

Hello Everyone!!

In this thread I am presenting evidence that the US Navy is responsible for the recent earthquakes in Indiana.

I am going to start off by describing how I came to this...

I have been documenting the "persistent spreading contrails" over my house for the past few months. (I am not going to use the term "chemtrail" because it is too controversial and is not the point im trying to make here.) Within the past week there were at least 5 times as many trails in the sky as before. (I am located in Northwest Ohio BTW.) And instead of them only happening about once a week we had 4 days straight of the worst trails I've ever seen.

Here is just one photo of many.. It was taken April 14 2008 at about 8 am. (click to enlarge)

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

A friend up in Michigan told me the same thing was going on up there.. it actually sounded worse.. He said he could see hundreds of trails. (I could ONLY see about 30 at a time.) The contrail increase was from the 14th until the 18th.. on Saturday.. April 19th, I noticed a huge spiraling weather system that was stretching from the southern tip of Texas up to Canada.. and I was underneath it.. I thought there could be a connection to the trails so I took a screenshot.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

It was weird. The system was thin enough to let a lot of light in so it was almost like a sunny day but you couldn't see any blue.. just a constant layer of cloud cover. So, anyways.. I take a screen shot of the weather radar at Noon. Went about my business... went back to the radar at 4 pm and took a screen shot.. I noticed it hadn't moved at all.. but went back to my business. I then took a shot at 6:40 pm and it still hadn't moved at all. But again I just went about my business.. went out with some friends came back home.. took another screenshot at 1:40 am. This time the majority of the weather system had moved to the east coast but the center of rotation was still the same spot.. I thought. Wow, thats weird.. why is it doing that. (I have never seen a weather system stay stationary for 12 hours.. not to mention how long it was there before I noticed it.)

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

I had heard about the Earthquakes on the news and was told people in my city could feel it.. (I was asleep) but did not think much of it, other than the fact that the New Madrid fault line was there and how horrible of a

natural disaster it would be if that popped off like it did in the early 1800s.

Then yesterday I made a connection.. maybe that "storm" was connected to the earthquakes. So, today I looked up the location of the earthquake.. it was in Southern Indiana and there were actually 8 more since then with the latest of which being last night. So I placed a transparent image of the earthquakes over the weather map. SURPRISE SURPRISE.. The epicenter of all nine of the earthquakes is the exact center of rotation of the spiraling hurricane type weather system that stayed in the same place for at least 12 hours.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

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## The man who grew a finger! With PIXIE DUST?

Created by: [Master\\_Wii](#) on April 30, flags: **32**, replies: 101

[news.bbc.co.uk](#)

"In every town in every part of this sprawling country you can find a faceless sprawling strip mall in which to do the shopping.

Rarely though do would you expect to find a medical miracle working behind the counter of the mall's hobby shop. That however is what Lee Spievak considers himself to be. "I put my finger in," Mr Spievak says, pointing towards the propeller of a model airplane, "and that's when I sliced my finger off."

*(visit the link for the full news article)*

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## Video: If Americans Knew What Israel Is Doing! Video Was Censored!

Created by: [DimensionalDetective](#) on April 20, flags: **31**, replies: 93

[globalresearch.ca](#)

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If Americans Knew What Israel Is Doing! VIDEO WAS CENSORED!

"It is the goal of If Americans Knew to provide full and accurate information on this critical issue, and on our power -- and duty -- to bring a resolution." - [www.IfAmericansKnew.org](#) Jimmy Carter's visit to the Middle East is creating a resurgence of interest in Israel's treatment of the Palestinians. The video linked above was censored. America's leading authority on International Law, Francis Boyle, appears in the video,

and he testifies that Israeli authorities acknowledge their policies of torture while they explain that they are insulated from international pressure by PR agents based in the United States.

"(visit the link for the full news article)

[edit on 20-4-2008 by DimensionalDetective]

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## **NYPD Blue Acquitted Of 50 Shot Kill Of Unarmed Suspect - SOUND OFF**

Created by: **Dave Rabbit** on April 25, flags: **31**, replies: **66**

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NEW YORK (AP) - Three detectives were acquitted of all charges Friday in the 50-shot killing of an unarmed groom-to-be on his wedding day, a case that put the NYPD at the center of another dispute involving allegations of excessive firepower.

"

### **Read The Full Article Here**

This one really blows me away, no pun intended. Police officers go through intense training on marksmanship as part of their annual proficiency..... so how does 50 shots from 3 officers who had to stop and reload to continue shooting get acquitted?

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## **ATS: Good Luck...**

Created by: **jritzmann** on April 1, flags: **30**, replies: **68**

...and I'll be seeing ya around.

I came to the decision today that I wont be actively involved in the message board here at ATS any longer. Earlier today I contacted SO and Springer, to let them know that essentially while I'm still their image analyst, (and always will be til they tell me to get lost), I'm not going to be a participant on the UFO board.

There's a couple of reasons for this, and I've been an open book so far here, and might as well not stop now. One primary item being that I've been trying for going on a year now to write a book. It's become a lot more then I ever expected to write...I guess I had more to say then I thought. I'm also going to be writing some

for UFO Magazine, and doing some speaking dates. All of this requires time to get together so I can give my best to all these things.

Secondly is a growing trend that has occurred here on this board, and to me it's very disturbing. It's a tendency by some members to become "emotionally attached" to visual or related data. A theory, a photo, video, etc. It seems that no amount of explanation, nor prior experience is good enough for them to accept, or consider. They're right, you're wrong, and their contention is that you as the analyst have to prove the negative. Prior experience and knowledge are not respected, but marginalized and insulted by these select people. Despite, that they sought you out for your knowledge and experience. Weird huh.

The past 6 months or so, some members have even gotten belligerent when I don't get to them for a few days. "why haven't you responded???" or "when are you going to do my analysis!?!?", and "I am concerned about the fact that it takes you so long to respond on my thread. Is there a problem ? "

Well here's the shocker for these people. I don't get paid to be here, and I have a pretty full plate in life. The demanding nature of some not only for me to look at data, but to ultimately give them the answer they desire, has gotten very, very old. Every blurry photo, or point of light in the sky becomes a point of contention. It's gotten to the point where this has become an unpleasant place to be.

When I give my opinion or do a full workup, and it's not the answer people want, things get hostile. The analyst is labeled the "antagonist", and ultimately given the option of bending to the will of the true believer and doing full blown explanations complete with comparative analysis, or ignore it and get trashed for non response. This usually doesn't bother me, but as of late it's become overbearing. It's also an immense waste of time.

Until people stop being married to data before all the chips are counted, this is going to be one vicious merry-go-round. Becoming emotionally attached to any photo, or visual evidence is a bad practice, and one that ultimately binds you to disappointment and wasted time. This, I learned a long time ago.

Many, many years back, one of the most respected and credentialed image analysts in the field and I were at a very small meeting where I was speaking to him about UFO photos, how interesting I found them. He mentioned that I'd get tired of seeing the same non substantial photos and video out there. "Oh never" I said, because I found them all interesting. I remember him laughing and saying "OOoh, ok."

He was right.

There becomes so much unsubstantial stuff that you have to pick the ones that do deserve your time. You

can go over all of them, but those that truly exhibit significant aspects along with eyewitness testimony and corroborative evidence...those deserve a full examination, and your effort. Sadly these don't come around often, but can take months of working time, if not much longer...hell if they ever "case close" at all.

While I really like the visual data (obviously) we always have to remember one thing: if an object is unknown, it doesn't tell us anything, other than it's not conventional aircraft.

It doesn't mean it's "alien".

It doesn't mean we know what's inside.

All it means, is we can rule out conventional things. It's unknown.

If it's unknown...what's that going to do for you?

No UFO photo is going to solve the issue alone. And don't build your reality of the subject on a photo. Not ever. It's so much bigger than that.

I can respect that people want to be actively involved, however few really are. Even fewer are looking for true anomalous data.

The UFO enigma is seductive. Many who shoot video or take a photo of an object, or even come across it on the net, believe they've grabbed the brass ring. Whether personally, or for wide spread popularity. They know it's a UFO, and they hold onto that notion like Grim Death...long before it's been examined.

"Don't confuse me with facts, my mind's made up".

In the end, 90% of the time, a disappointed person, and often, a hostile one.

Hostile is a good way to describe the air of ATS in some respects the last 6 or so months. The argument, and the ridiculousness of "I was told to have you look at this, please examine it", followed by "I'm not convinced, and you're wrong", has become for me, highly counterproductive. If we're all busy looking and arguing over obvious fakes and mis-I.D.'s, when good data turns up, it's a bloodbath.

I'm choosing to cut myself off from that in this venue. The ratio of noise here has far exceeded the signal for me personally, to the point that I feel I'm actually contributing to the noise. I won't do that. There is work to do.

There's a genuine enigma in the UFO subject. And anyone who bothers to truly look can see that. I have personally seen it, and witnessed it most my life. That's why I'm in this. It's important. You folks know this, or at least suspect it, or you wouldn't be here.

So that bears the question: If it's so important a subject, don't you want the truest and best representation of data? Or, are you content for the quick high of "ooh, it's unknown" from a net photo or youtube, and essentially treat it half assed.

Sadly, in today's instant gratification culture, the latter seems to be true for some.

Well, if I don't know anything about the UFO issue, I do know one thing:

There's no easy answer.

You're not going to get your quick fix, or easy way out. No matter how much you whine, cry or fight. It's a complex issue, and one we may not even be capable of comprehending. But, we're irresponsible if we don't at least try.

So, as I've already rambled on far too long, here's my contact info:

jeff.ritzmann@gmail.com

If anyone needs anything, please don't hesitate to write.

I'll still pop in from time to time, but those instances will be rare. Springer knows I'm always available for analysis of any visual data, and I'll give him the reports to post here. My only comments will be in those reports and with any luck, some reports may be ongoing.

A public thanks to SO and Springer, and the whole ATS crew for their support, work and friendship.

My involvement in UFO study will continue, and will get more focused and productive. With the absence from the board, I'll have much more time to devote to cases and my own research. I'm in for the long haul, and intend to manage it as best I can.

To the many friends here, please keep in touch. Good luck to all of you in your endeavors.

~Jeff Ritzmann

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## Location of Mass Graves Revealed

Created by: [ChadAndrewATS](#) on April 23, flags: **30**, replies: 36

[mohawknationnews.com](#)

"At a public ceremony and press conference held today outside the colonial "Indian Affairs" building in downtown Vancouver, the Friends and Relatives of the Disappeared (FRD) released a list of twenty eight mass graves across Canada holding the remains of untold numbers of aboriginal children who died in Indian Residential Schools.

The list was distributed today to the world media and to United Nations agencies, as the first act of the newly-formed International Human Rights Tribunal into Genocide in Canada (IHRTGC), a non-governmental body established by indigenous elders.

In a statement read by FRD spokesperson Eagle Strong Voice, it was declared that the IHRTGC would commence its investigations on April 15, 2008, the fourth Annual Aboriginal Holocaust Memorial Day. This inquiry will involve international human rights

observers from Guatemala and Cyprus, and will convene aboriginal courts of justice where those persons and institutions responsible for the death and suffering of residential school children will be tried and sentenced."(visit the link for the full news article)

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## Atlantis Is A Reality find out where in this post

Created by: [isaeyeallseeing](#) on April 8, flags: 29, replies: 139

Atlantis one of the most debated subjects in Mythology and Legend.

Its Whereabouts have been sought after and speculated about for 1000's of years.

A year and a half of research into freemasonry later I can without a shadow of a doubt show you where Atlantis is and how others throughout history have known about it and have tried to show us without coming right out and telling us , possibly because they feared the repercussions if they did.

Leonardo Davinci Knew of these Secrets and probably of the plans of the two opposing sides within freemasonry the Sons of Belial and the Law of One.

The order that seems to be prevailing is the Sons of Belial who want the creation of a dictatorship which emphasizes materialism, and greed the very things that are currently destroying our planet and tearing families and whole civilizations apart.

In His Painting The Last supper and The virgin of the rocks he left us clues that must be looked at. The method he used was one that he is historically famous for , that of mirroring.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

In this section of the Last supper Painting you can see that there is a crucifix hovering below a giant stone apex both above a scarab beetle shaped city with a dodecahedron dome for the main "Cave" .

Both The apex and the crucifix can still be seen to this day.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

The dodecahedron is the fifth platonic solid defined by Plato a polyhedron with twelve regular pentagonal faces, mentioned in his writing timaeus "There still remained a fifth construction (dodecahedron), which the god used for embroidering the constellations on the whole heaven"

An interesting line when you know that in this same writing he has discussed Atlantis and if you realize that 4000 years ago the Egyptians (the original Atlantians)

were using the scarab beetle as the symbol for Cancer the zodiacal sign , one of twelve ,which could explain what he meant if he knew that there was a giant stone crucifix hovering above it and from this city people were coming and going from planet Earth , an amazing site to behold I am sure.

The City I have Rediscovered actually sits North west of 33n 33e , 33 for those of you that know is a very special number to the freemasons.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

The City is actually underwater which wont come as a surprise to those that know of the history of Atlantis.

I believe it used to sit on 33n 33e as it is actually on a techtonic plate that is slipping NW

I took the liberty of overlaying screen grabs from google earth of both Atlantis and the pyramids both grabs taken when the compass in GE is set to its true north and noticed that the alignment of both is Identical pointing in a north easterly direction

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

In this image you can see the magnetic anomolie that sits between the scarabs legs on what I believe is a landing pad or spaceport which stands to reason launching from such an area would be like launching in the eye of a storm

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Here you can see the spaceship waiting for pregnant mary. Outside on a beam of bluish light hovering above ball placed on a square plinth.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

also this image is created in the same fashion as dan browns movie but utilising mirroring which they didnt.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

This image shows Thomas saying shh with a tiny humanoid figure appearing between his hands, sugesting what that mary was pregant or more profoundly the actual origins of human existance from the Northern Donkey in the constelation of The Asses and the Manger when you combine that image with this one

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

[edit on 8-4-2008 by isaeyeallseeing]

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## Bush speaks on the possibility of another 9/11

Created by: [Master\\_Wii](#) on April 13, flags: 29, replies: 171  
[feeds.bignewsnetwork.com](#)

"US President George Bush has said he believes another 9/11 attack on the United States should be considered a strong possibility and warned that such an attack could originate from Pakistan.

In an interview with America's ABC TV, Mr Bush said: "If another September 11 style attack is being planned, it probably is being plotted in Pakistan, and not Afghanistan." (visit the link for the full news article)

Link to thread: [...thread348807/pg1](#)

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## Are You Being Dumbed Down? Want to Take an 8th Grade Test From 1895 To Find Out?

Created by: [sizzle](#) on April 3, flags: 28, replies: 114

I will post a test that includes Grammar, Math, History, Orthography (specifies correct way of using specific writing systems to write the language), and Geography. Give yourself approximately one hour to complete each portion of the test. When you have finished, just submit your answers here. In fairness, I will take the test also. I have not looked at the answers, because I truly want to know just how dumbed down we have become since 1895. (yes, there is a page for answers).

After I display the test, I would like some feedback from you guys on how you would like to do this. Do you want a pre-arranged time for the testing to end for this thread? Do you want your answers by U2U? Please respond with some ideas.

Please do not let the test overwhelm you too badly, it is all in good fun and in interest of how things have changed in the past century +, Okay?

[edit on 3-4-2008 by sizzle]

Link to thread: [...thread346495/pg1](#)

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## Salyut 6 UFO Sighting..interesting indeed

Created by: [skept!cal](#) on April 4, flags: 28, replies: 105

Semi new here..long time reader, dont post alot..I was reading another thread that mentioned this and had never heard it before..Thought it was worth having its own thread in case others have not seen or heard of this incident before..I believe this is an incident worth

researching more considering the ppl which were involved...Here is some information regarding the incident, maybe we can find more :)

Good day

Skept!cal

[edit on 4-4-2008 by skept!cal]

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## Official Account of 9/11 Flight Contradicted by Governments Own Data

Created by: [budski](#) on April 18, flags: 28, replies: 45

[www.opednews.com](#)

"Pilots for 9/11 Truth, an international organization of pilots and aviation professionals, petitioned the National Transportation and Safety Board (NTSB) via the Freedom of Information Act to obtain their 2002 report, "Flight Path Study-American Airlines Flight 77", consisting of a Comma Separated Value (CSV) file and Flight Path Animation, allegedly derived from Flight 77's Flight Data Recorder (FDR). The data provided by the NTSB contradict the 9/11 Commission Report in several significant ways:

1. The NTSB Flight Path Animation approach path and altitude does not support official events.
2. All Altitude data shows the aircraft at least 300 feet too high to have struck the light poles.
3. The rate of descent data is in direct conflict with the aircraft being able to impact the light poles and be captured in the Dept of Defense "5 Frames" video of an object traveling nearly parallel with the Pentagon lawn.
4. The record of data stops at least one second prior to official impact time.
5. If data trends are continued, the aircraft altitude would have been at least 100 feet too high to have hit the Pentagon." (visit the link for the full news article)

[edit on 18/4/2008 by budski]

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## This is being introduced in each state!

Created by: [Master\\_Wii](#) on April 21, flags: 28, replies: 99

[www.usavsus.info](http://www.usavsus.info)

"This is being introduced in each state starting with California, New York, Illinois, Hawaii, Maryland, Indiana, Tennessee, and Washington.

See:

"No later than January 1, 2011, all non-coded ammunition for the calibers listed in this act, whether owned by private citizens or retail outlets, shall be disposed."

Tennessee

HOUSE BILL 3245

By LARRY J. MILLER

D - Memphis

SENATE BILL 3395

By REGINALD TATE D - Memphis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13,

to enact the "Ammunition Accountability Act".

"(visit the link for the full news article)

Related AboveTopSecret.com Discussion Threads:

***The Government Will Take Our Guns and Military***

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## Are You Stockpiling Now? If so, what?

Created by: [thelibra](#) on April 22, flags: 28, replies: 223

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread349775/pg1>

The signs are clear. The food shortages are not only obvious, it's getting to the point where even the U.S., the breadbasket of the world, is about to re-institute rationing. This is an example of Situation-X looming on the very near horizon.

Are you stockpiling anything now? If so, what?

I myself intend on taking no chances.

Link to thread: [...thread350547/pg1](#)

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## Strangest Anomoly I've Seen on Google Sky! UFO?

Created by: [Odessy](#) on April 2, flags: 27, replies: 131

If anyone has google sky PLEASE check this out and post your thought!

latitude: -13.5171

Longitude: 22.4035

I would post a pic but I'm not sure how to take one of google sky.

I did press print screen but I dont dont know where to go from there, so if someone could let me know, I'll grab it and post it on here.

But seriously! CHECK IT OUT!

If it is a UFO, its HUGE.

If its some type of far off galaxy... well... I dont know what type of galaxy looks like that...

Thoughts!?

Link to thread: [...thread346332/pg1](#)

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## False Flag Alert -- APRIL 7-11

Created by: [Karlhungis](#) on April 9, flags: 27, replies: 122

[portland.indymedia.org](http://portland.indymedia.org)

"Two military officers of high conscience and courage, Marine Major William B. Fox and Army Captain Eric H. May, have posted a critical worldwide alert on false flag prospects for this week, April 7-11. As they point out, there are too many indicators of a possible war with Iran not to be concerned." (visit the link for the full news article)

Link to thread: [...thread347822/pg1](#)

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## Meltdown of U.S. Dollar Underway as China Dumps the Currency

Created by: [Karlhungis](#) on April 15, flags: 27, replies: 140

[www.naturalnews.com](http://www.naturalnews.com)

"Comments by China that it intends to move away from its reliance on the dollar triggered a sharp drop in the Dow Jones Industrial Average and heightened worldwide fears about the U.S. currency's stability. Chinese Central Bank Vice Director Xiu Jian said that his country is planning to shift much of its \$1.4 trillion national currency reserve from dollars to more stable currencies, such as the euro or Canadian dollar. After these comments, the dollar fell to record lows relative to other currencies -- the lowest ever against the euro, the lowest in a generation against the British pound, and the lowest in 57 years against the Canadian dollar." (visit the link for the full news article)

Link to thread: [...thread349098/pg1](#)

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## Ron Paul Warns Of Economic Worldwide Collapse

Created by: [MajKarma](#) on April 23, flags: 27, replies: 72  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

"Ron Paul Warns Of Economic Collapse. There is no questioning we are in a recession Now. The War has taken its toll. The bases worldwide has taken its toll. Roman Empire fell the same way...welcome to the New Rome." (visit the link for the full news article)

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## Former Governor Jesse Ventura: WTC Collapse A Controlled Demolition

Created by: [Leo Strauss](#) on April 2, flags: 26, replies: 47  
*Here is the link!*

Perhaps he can put the Souflex on Dick Cheney Former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura vehemently savaged the official 9/11 story on a syndicated national radio show today, saying the WTC collapsed like a controlled demolition and was pulverized to dust as he also highlighted the impossible 10 second free fall speed of the towers.

Appearing on The Alex Jones Show, Ventura said that his initial reaction to 9/11 was much like most people at the time, and he accepted the official story outright, a response he now regrets because he was in a position of power and could have used it to raise a lot of pointed questions.

"I kicked myself when it initially happened that the light didn't go off but I was so shocked that this thing had even taken place that I apologize for not being more aware," said Ventura, adding that watching Loose Change at the insistence of his son was part of the catalyst for his wake up call.

Host Alex Jones is executive producer of Loose Change (get it here), the most watched Internet movie of all time. Ventura said he ran through a rollercoaster of emotions when he saw the film.

"When I finally did watch it I went through every emotion you could imagine, from laughing, crying, getting sick to my stomach, to the whole emotional thing," said the former Governor.

"To me questions haven't been answered and are not being answered about 9/11," said Ventura, before highlighting the collapse of Building 7, a 47-story tall skyscraper that was not hit by a plane but collapsed in its own footprint in the late afternoon of September 11.

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## The Top 5 9/11 Conspiracy Theories

Created by: [sp00n1](#) on April 15, flags: 26, replies: 33

Buckle your seatbelts, this should be fun ;)

Okay, get this, 1) 9/11 could've been prevented! That's right. Out of numerous ignored forewarnings the most damning is intelligence gathered from a top secret program known as ABLE DANGER that identified Mohammad Atta a full year before 9/11. Without warrantless wiretaps, without the patriot act, without reading my emails they were able to datamine publicly available databases and identify Atta as a sleeper cell ringleader living in this country illegally. Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer, who had access to this information, tried to share it with the FBI but was prevented by military lawyers.

*(visit the thread to view linked videos)*

Worse, 2) Someone compromised our security! How did a bunch of suspected terrorists get into this country in the first place? Well, it turns out 11 of the 19 hijackers **got their visas from a CIA run consulate in Saudi Arabia**. This same field office provided bin Laden's associates with visas in the 80's so they could retrieve training in the states to fight the Soviets in Afghanistan. And then you have the **9/11 wargames**. First, most of the Northeast's air defense was sent into northern greenland to chase 'phantom' bombers being injected onto their radar screens. Second, the remaining air defenses were busy chasing other phantom hijacked planes. As many as 22 'phantoms' were injected onto their radar screens interfering with NORAD's ability to track down the real hijacked planes. Oh, but no one ever thought that planes would be hijacked and used as weapons and the US air defenses had never been trained to intercept hijacked planes because their radar was pointed in the wrong direction... right!

Then, you've got the fact that 3) the **guy that wired \$100,000 to Mohammad Atta shortly before 9/11**, Gen. Mahmoud Ahmad of Pakistan's ISI, was **in a 'breakfast meeting' with many high ranking US officials at the time of the attacks**.

Now, the Bush Administration claims that, because of their vigilance, there has not been an act of homegrown terrorism on American soil since 9/11. Oh, that is, except for the 4) ANTHRAX ATTACKS that killed multiple people. The killer has never been found, he's still out there! Where did this anthrax come from? It was proudly made in America of course. The AMES Strain came from Ft. Dietrich, MD where only a limited number of people had access. It was sent to opponents of the patriot act. Now, what's really strange, for some reason **the Bush Administration**

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**began taking Cipro weeks before the first anthrax letters were mailed.** What did they know? When did they know it? Why didn't they warn the rest of us?!?!

You better be sitting because this is where it gets really scary. 5) According to former FBI translator Sibel Edmonds, **high ranking US officials in charge or preventing nuclear proliferation are actually selling nuclear secrets** to America's adversaries. And worse, **she was fired for reporting it to her superiors**, and **someone leaked Valerie Plame's name and blew the cover on the investigation into these leaked nuclear secrets to prevent justice from being served.**

How do we get people to look into this? EASY!! Flag this post and Digg it too! You see that digg button? USE IT!!

:up::up::up:

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## What is the biggest truth you personally have found in life?

Created by: [andy1033](#) on April 7, flags: 25, replies: 204

If someone asked you after your many years of research, what is the biggest truth you personally have found in life?

So what is it, and try to explain a little.

Link to thread: [...thread347397/pg1](http://...thread347397/pg1)

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## Bizarre Objects Caught by Illinois and Missouri Game Trail Cameras

Created by: [sherpa](#) on April 10, flags: 25, replies: 134

Tricky subject to place in the right category but because the object looks kinda like a UFO I will place it here.

So, the big question, what the heck is it ?

"I don't know what this is – but hopefully, I never have to encounter this while I'm hunting." - Missouri hunter and game trail camera owner

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November 5, 2007, beginning at 9:34 PM Central, Sarcoxie, Missouri.

One of twelve images shown in this Earthfiles report of unknown, small,

aerial object close to ground photographed over four hour period

on Missouri hunter's Cuddeback Digital Camera.

Bob Coine: "When I first put my deer camera's six frames up on YouTube and Woods N Water TV (Outdoor Channel) for feedback that might help explain what my photos were, one of our viewers sent me a series of pictures that he had not shared with anybody because they were really odd. They were not even similar to the photos I had taken. These photos show what appears to be a roundish object with a series of odd, circular shapes around the outside. When you get to the far left or far right on the thing moving through the dozen photographs, the object seems to be turning. I really see that when I bring his Missouri photos up as a series, and flip through them fast. This object appears not only to be rotating, but going up, down and right and left, as well as reflecting light on to the ground.

WHAT PROVOKED THE CAMERA TO TAKE THE PHOTOGRAPHS?

No idea! Obviously this (disc) thing – whatever it is – was able to trigger the camera. So, there must have been motion detected or the infrared beam was broken in order to trigger these pictures.

THIS MAN WHO SUBMITTED THE PHOTOGRAPHS TO YOU, HE HAD AN INFRARED-TRIGGERING DIGITAL CAMERA JUST LIKE YOURS?

Yes. But his is manufactured by a different company called Cuddeback Digital Scouting Cameras. It's stamped on each photo, along with the date and time.

WHY DID HE HAVE THE CAMERA SET UP?

Basically for imaging deer, as a lot of hunters do, to know which type and sex of deer are on the game trail. I learned about this in his February 14, 2008, email after my TV show. He wanted to get hold of someone concerning my six deer cam photos. I'll read his email verbatim:

"Thank you for replying. I'm sending you these pictures in the attachment. There are 13 separate pictures [ Editor's Note: 12 are shown below], and I assure you, just as you said, these are not doctored pictures. It was just as much a surprise to me as it was to my family when I showed them.

Notice as the object moves side-to-side, there is a reflection on the ground that moves in close relationship to the object. I have a picture that shows me back there two hours prior to this with nothing unusual in the area, so I don't know what this is – but hopefully, I never have to encounter this while I'm hunting.

If you think you could find more information about this, please use the photos any way you can."

(visit the thread to view linked images)

**Complete story here**

Link to thread: [...thread348089/pg1](http://...thread348089/pg1)

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## UFO crash in Bolivia, outstanding case

Created by: [Camilo1](#) on April 28, flags: 25, replies: 46

First I'd like to thank Internos and angelc01 who brought this case to my attention.

Thanks my friends!!!

Crash of an object described as a cylinder with a tail in flames, described as a big "smoky wine bottle". The crash causes supersonic bang that was heard up to 150 miles away and that cracked windowpanes as far away as 30 miles in every direction

Synopsis:

"In afternoon of the 6 of May of 1978, a cylindrical object with a flaming tail crashed in a mountainous region of Bolivia, near the Argentine border. The fall was accompanied by a roar and a tremor similar to the one caused by an earthquake. The Bolivian Air Force discovered the tracks of the impact in the south slope of El Zaire Mountain. The object had produced a trail of about 300 meters of depth by 500 of wide and 1.5 kilometers in length. The rocks nearby the crash site were melted. The place was declared military zone, prohibiting the access to the Argentine gendarmerie and all the press.

A commission, directed by two officials of the U.S. Air Force, Colonel Robert Simmons and Major John Heise, appeared in the scene. They gathered several boxes from the remains of the crash and an enormous and heavy bulk, carefully wrapped. The load was transferred to the cargo compartment of an American airplane, which took off immediately."

- Date: May 6 of 1978

- Hour: 4:15

- Place: Taire or Zaire hill 4000 meters above sea level in the Bolivia-Argentina border, it fell near small village called Mámora in Bolivia that is 1315 meters of altitude above sea level, and 110 kilometers away from Aguas Blancas, Argentina

- Witnesses: Thousands of people

- Argentine authorities send the 20th unit of the border patrol to the area, apparently they do not find anything.

- There is a concentration of reporters in Aguas Blancas, witnesses are interviewed.

- Two policemen give testimony; the impact threw one of them to the ground.

- The Bolivian Air Force sends three AT6 and in fly over they locate the site

- 8 days later (May 14th ) "El Clarin" a newspaper from Buenos Aires announces that the object had been found,. the Commander of Police of Tarija, was interviewed: "our men have discovered the object and they have inspected it, we do not have instructions, is a metallic cylinder 12 feet long with some dents,

nobody knows what is inside, we expect several technical commissions, an expert of the NASA arrives tomorrow (May 17th.).

- Nobody from NASA arrives, two U.S. military officers arrive; Colonel Robert Simmons and Major John Heise who supposedly were on leave, get to site with instructions to take the object to a C-130 Hercules, that awaits in La Paz. The American Embassy in La Paz denies knowledge of the subject.

- Simmons and Heise return from the site with several boxes and an enormous and heavy bulk, carefully wrapped. The load was transferred to the cargo compartment of the Hercules, which took off immediately

- Five years later, 5 documents are declassified by the Department of State, they reveal that both officers were military attaches of the American Embassy in La Paz and traveled with a Bolivian aerial official in connection with Project Moon Dust.

- These documents basically do not say anything about the case, but they back the U.S. officers' visit.

- "The Air Force documents reveal that the 1127th field activities group, which coordinated Project Moon Dust, was interested in another task besides the recovery of UFO wrecks and other space objects, represented by the code name HUMINT. This code name, short for Human Intelligence, means the collection of information from human sources through clandestine undercover methods—in contrast to interrogations, reading through files and correspondence"

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## Anyone know of O-1-0 or ZOZ signal, please u2u me, please give me 24 hours before removing t

Created by: [Qwenn](#) on April 1, flags: 24, replies: 161

If anyone has information on this, please u2u me, as I feel it is important that this is followed up. I would request that the MODS allow 24 hours before removing this as a possible Hoax. If you feel that you would rather post, then I will respect this, I can always u2u you ( let me know if you would rather be contacted direct ). Don't worry I will not quote any replies that I receive, I promise! Many Thank's in advance, I realise that I need to exercise caution in my perusal of any advice that I receive! Thank's again Qwenn.

mod edit: removed the alarmist word URGENT in the title.

[edit on 4/2/2008 by Gools]

Link to thread: [...thread346014/pg1](#)

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## Coming soon: superfast internet (The Grid)

Created by: [biggie smalls](#) on April 5, flags: 24, replies: 94  
[www.timesonline.co.uk](http://www.timesonline.co.uk)

"THE internet could soon be made obsolete. The scientists who pioneered it have now built a lightning-fast replacement capable of downloading entire feature films within seconds.

At speeds about 10,000 times faster than a typical broadband connection, "the grid" will be able to send the entire Rolling Stones back catalogue from Britain to Japan in less than two seconds."(visit the link for the full news article)

Related News Links:

***In Web World of 24/7 Stress, Writers Blog Till They Drop***

***The Grid: The Next-Gen Internet?***

***Internet Computing and the Emerging Grid***

Related AboveTopSecret.com Discussion Threads:

***Internet addiction is now a psychiatric disorder***

***Computers to merge with humans***

***FCC Asks Comcast About Internet Filter***

***Project Blue Beam related.... V-chip & Digital TV***

[edit on 4/5/2008 by biggie smalls]

Link to thread: [...thread347091/pg1](#)

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## Whats the Truth about Tibet?

Created by: [Odessa](#) on April 8, flags: 24, replies: 83

I need everyone's input on this subject.

What is the truth about Tibet and the "Free Tibet" campaign?

What do we really know about the whole thing?

Obviously trouble is brewing, and at times like these we need to pick a side.

But who should I believe?

Well, let me put you in my seat, so that you may enlighten, correct, and/or inform me of the real crisis happening right now.

What do I know about Tibet?

Well, according to Wiki, I know that,

"Tibet proclaimed its independence from China in 1911 on the eve of the fall of the Qing dynasty and the subsequent internal turmoil.

Tibet remained a defacto independent state until shortly after the conclusion of the Chinese civil war, when on October 1, 1949, the People's Republic of China was formally proclaimed in Beijing and the following year launched an armed invasion of Tibet. The Chinese army of 40,000 men routed the unprepared defending Tibetan army of only 5,000 near the city of Chamdo. The defeat subsequently led to the

signing of the Seventeen point agreement by the Tibetan Government.

**Source"**

ok... so Tibet was once a part of China and then declared its independence after the end of the last Dynasty.

Well, I can see how change can be good, so if China was oppressing them, good for Tibet. But I can also see how China would get mad... it would be like California saying, "F\*\*k the US and the Bush administration... we're making our own country!"

Many people would agree with it, and many people would disagree with it.

So, China disagreed and took Tibet back over...

Which is probably what the US would do in the same position.

Ok, thats that.

So, what else do I know?

Well, after doing some research, I know that the "govt." of Tibet wants the UN and the International Community to:

- " 1. Immediately dispatch independent fact finding delegations to Tibet to let the world know the truth;
2. Immediately persuade China to allow free press to visit and cover the whole of Tibet;
3. Immediately urge China to end the brutal killings in the whole of Tibet;
4. Immediately urge China to release all the Tibetans arrested and imprisoned;
5. Immediately urge China to allow international medical teams, such as Red Cross and Medicines Sans Frontiers to take care of injured Tibetans, who are too scared to visit hospitals for fear of being arrested;
6. Immediately urge China to allow free movement of people and provide access to daily needs, such as food and water.

**Source**

fair enough, I agree with all those things... if that is really the case.

I don't know, so I'll assume it is.

Ok, what else do I know?

Well, I know that the US supports Tibet and that celebs and other powerful figures also support Tibet...

*(isit the thread to view linked videos)*

These statements are backed up by the acts of the Chinese govt. against the Tibetan people, and the Dalai Lama's request of the Tibetans for peaceful protests...

"The Panchen Lama is considered one of Tibet's most important religious figures. Determined to control religion in Tibet, the Chinese authorities kidnapped Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and his family in 1995, just days after he was recognized by the Dalai Lama as the 11th Panchen Lama. Despite repeated appeals to

confirm his well-being, no international agency or human rights organization has been granted contact with Gedhun Choekyi Nyima or his family. To date, their well-being and whereabouts remains unconfirmed.

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

Suspicious that the Panchen Lama had been kidnapped by Chinese authorities were confirmed in 1996, when the Chinese government admitted to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child that it held the boy and his family in "protective custody."

*(visit the thread to view linked images)*

### **Dalai Lama Pleads for Peaceful Dialogue on Tibet**

ok, so at this point, it seems to me that he, Tibet is under Chinese oppression, they wanted out a long time ago, let them go!

Well, then I had to ask myself, "Hey, why are you listening to American media?"

Has America finally got something right?

Are we actually fighting for a just cause?

Could it really be that we want Tibet free?

... or could there possibly be some underlying purpose behind all this...

and low and behold, upon further research, the eastern nations are blaming the western nations for a CIA coverup and one sided opinions on the Tibet campaign in the media...

What!? CIA coverup?

ok. ok. I'll look into it...

oh, well, maybe they're right?...

### **The CIA's Secret War in Tibet**

ok... well, what does youtube have to say?

people can speak their minds on youtube, surly some people have to know about this propaganda campaign put on by the western nations!

and heres what I found:

*(isit the thread to view linked videos)*

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Wow...

so know I'm being led to believe that the Dalai Lama is actually in cahoots with the CIA and was an oppressive leader.

China is helping Tibet.

And Tibet is better off after Chinese authorities took over...

But if thats true, why do the Tibetan people protest?

Heres what one of the youtube video posters mentioned:

"The West is trying to demonize China. Why? To ensure an upper-handed position economically, politically, and socially.

Too many harbor strong opinions about Tibet, yet know nothing more than the few slogans offered by the mass-media outlets.

The media screams:

"They killed innocent monks!" - but those "innocent" monks and other young hooligans killed innocent Chinese before a single shot was fired on them.

"The Chinese are oppressive" - do you consider freeing over 95% of Tibetans from slavery, building a state of the art infrastructure, and a new economy oppressive?

"The Chinese suppress Tibetan Buddhism" - then why have the Chinese spent a fortune restoring ancient monasteries and places of religions significance?

China doesn't SPIN NEWS like we do. Their silence is too often mistaken as admission of guilt. Don't be another uninformed drone. Do everyone a favor and learn truths before forming opinions.

Here's to Peace & Harmony! The 2008 Beijing Olympics deserve support!

### **Source"**

So, now I'm here, asking you, the ATS community, to help me out.

Whats really going on here?

People need to pick sides, yes, but which side to choose?

If we support the freeing of Tibet, are we just a pawn in the US's engame plan?

I shared all I know about the subject with you guys.

Now its time to deny ignorance and get down to the truth...

so, Whats the Truth about Tibet?

please, help.

[edit on 9-4-2008 by Odessy]

Link to thread: [...thread347775/pg1](#)

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## **Mayday Alert! -- Terror Drills Could Go Live!**

Created by: [RabbitChaser](#) on April 28, flags: **24**, replies: **90**

From [portland.indymedia.org](#)

"As military experts, we fear that national terror drills, scheduled for May 1-8, could be used to camouflage a false flag attack in the United States.

Saudi Arabia has been preparing for nuclear fallout from an attack on Iran since last month, when Dick Cheney paid a visit. Israel has just finished its largest-ever domestic war drills. Israel and the Bush administration are insisting that Syria and North Korea are nuclear collaborators. Syria is preparing for the contingency of an Israeli attack. Iran is preparing for the contingency of a US attack. US government insiders speculate that Bush has promised Israel an expanded Middle East war before he leaves office.

Should a major event occur during the drills, the Bush administration is prepared to implement National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD) 51, which

establishes dictatorship "in the event of a man-made or natural catastrophe." It is an extraordinary measure, and the White House has stonewalled Homeland Security Committee members from the House of Representatives who wanted to read it. One of those members, Oregon's Peter DeFazio summed up the feeling of many Americans about NSPD 51 when he said "Maybe the people who think there's a conspiracy out there are right."

NLE 2-08 will involve the very highest levels of Homeland Security and the US Northern Command. Both "Homesecc" and "Northcom" were established by the Bush administration in the wake of 9/11 to take control of the nation in the event of another terrorist attack. They will be joined by FEMA in the May 1-8 exercise, which is one of the two largest terror drills scheduled this year.

On Thursday, May 1, the exercise begins in Washington, when an explosion collapses the Alaska Way viaduct in downtown Seattle and damages surrounding buildings. Twenty minutes later, terrorists explode a highjacked tanker ship filled with highly toxic chemicals at the Seattle Ferry Terminal. Deadly gas soon permeates downtown Seattle.

On Monday, May 5, the scenario shifts to Oregon where VX, the most toxic nerve agent ever synthesized, erupts from the Umatilla Army Depot.

The next day, terrorists blow up a chemical tanker in Ferndale, Washington.

According to sources at Northcom, NLE 2-08 will involve "robust play," with "surprise injects" of unanticipated events in which participants are "stretched to the limit" and have "everything thrown at them except the kitchen sink." All of this makes it easier for the exercise to "go live" by having a real catastrophe occur.

As the Pacific Northwest scenario is playing out, Washington, DC will be simulating a catastrophic hurricane as part of the same exercise. It wouldn't be much of a stretch to suggest that this puts Dick Cheney back in the bunker he occupied during 9/11.

Many American citizens are deeply concerned about police militarization, and about government and media preconditioning of our nation for future terror attacks and martial law. We recommend that they monitor NLE 2-08 closely. Armed with cell phones, cameras and the Internet, they are the single greatest deterrent against false flag terror."

This is the first I have seen of this May 1-8 set of drills. Seems everything is 'ripe' for 'them' to do 'something' during this week. I was wondering if people in the areas noted in the write-up have been informed of these drills and to what extent. It certainly would seem an opportune time for the homicidal whackos to try to pull something off.

[edit on 4/28/2008 by RabbitChaser]

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## VIDEO: Ex-Illuminati Leo Zagami on Jesuits, Zionists & Masons

Created by: [ChadOnLife](#) on April 9, flags: 23, replies: 33

The new world order has become the current world order. We are being tracked, used, and abused by the tyrants, who rule this world. They will be destroyed from outside & within their organizations. They want chaos. They're going to get chaos!

Leo Zagami seemed to know more about the tyrannical government-leaders than Alex Jones, and William Cooper ever did. Please consider the warnings & answers he shares in this video & at his website (if it hasn't been removed or taken over by a wicked intelligence agency by now):

Leo Zagami-related website:

*(isit the thread to view linked videos)*

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About This Video:

Ex high ranking illuminati aristocrat leo zagami interviewed by Hesham Tillawi from current issues.

These are excerpts [in that youtube- video].

The **full length video** [which is hosted at [googlevideo.com](http://googlevideo.com)] tells more, how his website was shut down, how the police threatened him etc.

This shorter video skims over how different groups, the jesuits, zionists, aristocratic bloodlines, freemasons and muslims plus russians etc. all play their part in the illuminati."

Keywords, for which to look & listen:

"Banking microchipping vatican black pope jesuit general un globalists freedom fascism knights of malta rosicrucians shriners

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## GAALT - The Biggest Conspiracy of All

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This is BRAND NEW information to hit the internet. Some of it is known to a degree, but much of it is completely NEW - 4-11-08

GAALT - Is this the Most Powerful Corporation and Family on Earth?

Part 1 :

Part 2 :

This is the Rabbit Hole. Exit the Matrix.

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## 2012 New theory

Created by: [kdial1](#) on April 16, flags: 23, replies: 75

Through out history man has asked who he was and why he was here,

he's also had an inner knowing he was on the path of a happening. In modern times the fear expanded to a Dooms Day theory and is currently affected by news media reports of global warming, climatic disasters, disappearing species, sightings of unidentified space ships, dubious ET's, and a 3000 year old calendar that stops calculating time as of 12/21/2012. At the same time we have religions and New Age Metaphysical Spiritualest talking Ascension and the Golden Age.

The hype of dooms day is fear based and the ascension perdition are prophesied heresay, so it's time to stop the fear and speculation and shed some real light of awareness on this situation with scientific proof.

On May 30, 2006 science discovered the proof so long awaited that will complete the song held in the hearts of man. Our Solar System is from another galaxy! It is in the process of joining the Milky Way, instead of having been part of the Milky Way as was previously thought. Now this provides a quantum leap for changing perspectives. The Milky Way is not actually our parent galaxy. This now explains the mystery of why we have viewed it as being sideways in the night sky. We've discovered we're still angled within our smaller parent galaxy, which appears to have gravitationally broken free and be moving independently, back up, to the center of gravity of the Milky Ways whirlpool arms and disc. It is now only a matter of time before we're fully pulled into the angle of

our new home as we approach the center of the Milky Way disc in the year = none other than 2012.

We're going to make a right turn and join with the spinning Milky Way whirlpool disc after billions years circling around it at a right angle in our original parent galaxy called the Sagittarius Dwarf. One does not have to be a rocket scientist to figure out what this does as far as providing proof to certain religious convictions of a time of tribulation or to New Age and metaphysics philosophy of a coming planetary Shift and an uplifted frequency of consciousness.

This "grand turning" is probably the cause for discontinuing calculations by the Mayan of the Long Count Calendar, which is not the End of Time but the End of Time as we know it due to this increase velocity. The calendar was a map of marker system of Consciousness Expansion, and they had no way of determine the future reactions of consciousness when this conjuncture occurred, as Earth in our Solar System moves from one galaxy to another and enters a new level of dimension or a faster spin frequency within the Milky Ways whirlpool.

This was foreseen by them as the Sagittarius Dwarf was becoming stretched out and losing gravitational hold of our solar system and it would finally join the Milky Way which has been viewed as sucking in other star systems. For the first time in our history, with this right angle turn we're about to make, we'll become part of another galaxy. This is the event our higher spiritual guides have been referring to as the Shift of the Ages, it's the time referred to in the Bible, it's what has been channeled by Spiritualists, and it's has the potential of becoming the Golden Age

if we create it as such. The conjuncture with the whirlpool will provide the faster frequency vibrational spin of the higher octave dimension metaphysics speaks of, to raise our consciousness to higher levels of love and peace. The age will create itself as human consciousness is beginning to grasp it's connection of being One with all the other unified energy field of the universe, and react with Love toward this other part of self.

More verification came on July 20, 2006 with indications of the biggest cause of earth changes in Global Warming and melting of the polar icecaps of both (Earth and Mars) which is caused by our arrival into this brighter, far more energetic equator region of the Milky Way galactic disc as we come in from deeper space, and move closer to the higher velocity spinning disc approach the 2012 shift. Life on Earth has survived no less than eight passages around and through the higher energy plane of the Milky Way according to the carbon dated historical time line. This should show us there is nothing to fear in that part of

the event. The big change is making a turn as the Milky Way sucks us in and the vibrational resonance up grades. If we do the job of raising the total planetary energy to be more in harmony with the higher octave of the Milky Way. As it's been said many times by those that guide us, this occurrence will be like the opera singer shattering the glass with the high pitch tone, unless we raise the tonal vibration of energy surrounding the glass/earth, to prevent cracking.

Earth has now begun to respond to these powerful galactic energies and the electro-gravitational pull as we have reached the higher energy equatorial disc region of the massive spiral arm. For billion years we've circled around at an off-angle and will be centering in horizontally along with the turning whirlpool shaped Milky Way spiral. Upon the passage of NASA's Voyager I & II out of our Solar System noted that outer planets Uranus and Neptune have experienced recent pole shifts. Uranus with its rings is now physically lying on its side, seemingly in line with the angle of the Milky Way where we are clearly now heading to merge. When and how fast we make this right angle turn, exactly how fast any larger changes will happen or how drastic the changes will be, remains undetermined and not predictable. However, if pole shifts of either magnetic or physical nature are in the offering we may be in for a good shaking up with fault line breaks and masses of water displaced or tidal waveflooding hundreds of miles inland...This is what was prophesied. We enter exact centering with the Milky Way in 12/21/2012 with increased spin from the Milky Way disc, which validates the up grade in frequency vibration of the planetary dimension.

Now we can foolishly go into fear and panic, settling for the domes

day theory with death and distraction, which will only serve to continue to

increase the lower resonance of the planets energy; or with this awareness we can lift our energy and the energies surrounding us so the planet can slip more easily into the higher octave energy (continued below)

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## Could this be the Best UFO Footage Ever? (Clear Video of UFO)

Created by: **The Coward** on April 17, flags: 23, replies: 295

I don't know anymore... so many hoaxers and dirty rats in this world. I have found some footage and it is pretty impressive. Now, I don't know if its CGI or other hoaxed

stuff, but it does look cool. I will show it here in hopes that you guys tear it to shreds and see if something real might be behind this.

**See video here**

If it is proven fake, no biggie, what I will bring soon will blow your minds. In the meantime, please enjoy.

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## The Masonic Truth Behind Aliens/UFOs

Created by: **freight tomsen** on April 21, flags: 23, replies: 72  
Royal Blue blood Knight of Malta and Honorary 33rd degree Freemason, America's 40th President Ronald Reagan often talked about how the whole world would come together if there were an external alien threat to our planet. At the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 21st, 1987, Reagan said, "In our obsession with antagonisms of the moment, we often forget how much unites all the members of humanity. Perhaps we need some outside, universal threat to make us recognize this common bond. I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world." Speaking to a room full of reporters at the White House on May 5th, 1988, Reagan said, "I've often wondered what if all of us in the world discovered that we were threatened by an outer...a power from another planet. Wouldn't we all of a sudden find that we didn't have any differences between us at all, we were all human beings, citizens of the world and wouldn't we come together to fight that particular threat?" He mentioned this idea many other times throughout his life.

Henry Kissinger at the Bilderberger Conference in Evians, France, 1991 is reported to have said, "Today, America would be outraged if U.N. troops entered Los Angeles to restore order [referring to the 1991 LA Riot]. Tomorrow they will be grateful! This is especially true if they were told that there were an outside threat from beyond [i.e. an 'alien' invasion], whether real or promulgated, that threatened our very existence. It is then that all peoples of the world will plead to deliver them from this evil. The one thing every man fears is the unknown. When presented with this scenario, individual rights will be willingly relinquished for the guarantee of their well-being granted to them by the World Government."

"The UFO investigator and lecturer Nono Hayakawa says this plan is called 'Project Panic' and that high technology equipment will be used to create an optical illusion of a UFO invasion. This will give governments and the United Nations the excuse to call a global

state of emergency and all those emergency powers and executive orders will be implemented.” -David Icke, “The Biggest Secret” (486)”

Almost every movie or TV show you have ever seen about aliens or the Moon came from a Freemasonic director! All of these were made by Masons: Close Encounters of the Third Kind, ET, Taken, Alien 1-4, Independence Day, 2001: Space Odyssey, Star Wars, Star Trek, Men In Black, From the Earth to the Moon, Apollo 13, War of the Worlds, and the X-Files.

Gene Roddenberry, the creator of Star Trek was a 33rd Degree Scottish-Rite Freemason. This why we have “Scotty,” Spock’s Kabalistic/Masonic “V” hand gesture, pyramid-shaped communicators, and other Masonic symbols. The name Captain “Kirk” comes from “Circe” and means “church” in Scottish. So the church (Captain Kirk) is the head of the starship Enterprise. What enterprise? Whose enterprise do you think? Take note that the Vatican actually funds and controls every astronomical telescope and observatory in the world. All findings run through the Vatican before both the public and the scientific communities. What does this tell us? Meanwhile, the Masonic movie/music industries give us Stars, Superstars, Devas, Celebrities, Models, and Idols to worship.

George Lucas, the creator of Star Wars also floods his movies with Masonic symbology. Yoda is the name of a Masonic teacher. The Djed-eye (Jedi) comes from the ancient Egyptian as noted earlier. The idea of Jedi Knights and a round table comes from the Knights Templar. Skywalker is the name of the 13th Tzolken in the Mayan calendar, the symbol of which looks just like the top of Luke’s flight helmet. Anakin comes from Anakim or the Sons of Anak in the Bible and Darth Vader no doubt comes from the “Da’ath” black sephiroth of the Jewish Kabbalah. These occult interpretations of Hollywood movies and TV programs are well understood by initiates, but purposely meant to bewilder the public.

“Since the 1970’s, Spielberg has directed or produced seven of the top twenty grossing films of all time. Throughout his career we see an obsession with the alien/UFO/space theme. From the 1977 Close Encounters of the Third Kind to ET in 1982, to Deep Impact in 1998. All depict an invasion from outer space. Even the movie Jaws is littered with shooting stars and strange lights in the sky. Spielberg was also executive producer for the July 2002 release Men in Black 2, a movie where a shadow government ‘protects’ the people of the world from an alien threat. In February 1997 a leading light in the British film industry leaked the story that Spielberg and executives of his company DreamWorks had secretly met with senior Pentagon officials in Los Angeles. The officials told Spielberg to ‘stop everything’ and produce a

movie whose subject matter involved meteors and/or comets. One year later Deep Impact was in the can. The film describes a comet hurtling towards earth and the fight for who has the privilege of access to an underground bunker. Who were these Pentagon officials and why were they so eager for Bilderberg asset Spielberg to produce a movie about a threat from outer space? Commencing in December 2002, the SciFi Channel will screen Taken, Spielberg’s 20-hour mini-series focusing on alien abduction. The cost of this production was a staggering \$120 million - making it the most expensive miniseries in television history. You’d think Spielberg would by now have tired of the genre, but his elite controllers are really zealous to implant this alien paradigm in the minds of the public.” -Paul Joseph Watson, “Order Out of Chaos” (171)”

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## Nikola Tesla's earthquake machine, vibration, natural frequencies and building demolition

Created by: [Griff](#) on April 24, flags: 23, replies: 56

While doing research on various building demolitions, I came across this. I did a search but not much came up other than how to build one.

"Excerpt from the New York World Telegram, July 11, 1935 -

Nikola Tesla revealed that an earthquake which drew police and ambulances to the region of his laboratory at 48 E. Houston St., New York, in 1898, was the result of a little machine he was experimenting with at the time which "you could put in your overcoat pocket."

The bewildered newspapermen pounced upon this as at least one thing they could understand and "the father of modern electricity" told what had happened as follows:

"I was experimenting with vibrations. I had one of my machines going and I wanted to see if I could get it in tune with the vibration of the building. I put it up notch after notch. There was a peculiar cracking sound.

"I asked my assistants where did the sound come from. They did not know. I put the machine up a few more notches. There was a louder cracking sound. I knew I was approaching the vibration of the steel building. I pushed the machine a little higher. "Suddenly all the heavy machinery in the place was flying around. I grabbed a hammer and broke the machine. The building would have been about our



ears in another few minutes. Outside in the street there was pandemonium.

"The police and ambulances arrived. I told my assistants to say nothing. We told the police it must have been an earthquake. That's all they ever knew about it."

Some shrewd reporter asked Dr. Tesla at this point what he would need to destroy the Empire State Building and the doctor replied: "Vibration will do anything. It would only be necessary to step up the vibrations of the machine to fit the natural vibration of the building and the building would come crashing down. That's why soldiers break step crossing a bridge."

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A pocket sized machine that brings buildings down. Especially steel framed ones. With a wierd crackling sound. Note that many eyewitnesses reported a strange crackling sound before each building fell.

"He put his little vibrator in his coat-pocket and went out to hunt a half-erected steel building. Down in the Wall Street district, he found one&endash;ten stories of steel framework without a brick or a stone laid around it. He clamped the vibrator to one of the beams, and fussed with the adjustment until he got it.

Tesla said finally the structure began to creak and weave and the steel-workers came to the ground panic-stricken, believing that there had been an earthquake. Police were called out. Tesla put the vibrator in his pocket and went away. Ten minutes more and he could have laid the building in the street. And, with the same vibrator he could have dropped the Brooklyn Bridge into the East River in less than an hour."

Mythbusters got close to replicating this machine. Although they couldn't get it to produce an earthquake (which was the myth they were busting), they were able to oscilate a bridge.

"The other day I was flipping through the channels (hate to admit it), but came across mention of my man, Nikola Tesla. Of course, I was intrigued. It was on Discovery Channel's program, "Mythbusters". In this episode they set out to build and test Tesla's patented and legendary "earthquake machine", which weighed only six pounds. Tesla claimed he built one and attached it to a steel beam in his large building. He then tuned the machine, searching for a frequency of oscillation that would resonate with the steel structure. After a while he found the right frequency and the entire building started to quake violently. He had to take a hammer to the machine to get it to stop. Residents of the building evacuated and the police and fire department reported to the scene. The hosts of the show, who set out each week to, more or less, scientifically disprove common "myths" and legends,

didn't follow the patent exactly and made two machines that didn't work. Then another guy built it and they finally had something that was producing results. A six pound, hand-held machine that was causing a massive steel beam to oscillate violently. They found a large steel bridge to test it on (I'm not sure which bridge it was, but it was massive). After tuning the machine extensively, they finally found a frequency that resonated with the structure and everything on the bridge was vibrating. A six pound machine was producing a rythmic vibration over a hundred feet from its location. They said it felt like a semi-truck was going by...constantly. Nevertheless, they "disproved the myth", because it didn't exactly cause an earthquake. Maybe not, but something else could.

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What are your thoughts?

[edit on 4/24/2008 by Griff]

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## Is it Really that Bad?

Created by: [burdman30ott6](#) on April 25, flags: 23, replies: 179

Everywhere on ATS I see worried people who believe that we're in the worst time in our country's history, bankruptcies, poverty, hunger, war, gas shortages, etc, etc, etc, are all being pointed to and Americans supposedly are facing their biggest challenges ever. I will admit that compared to the booming 90's, we're in a downturn and possibly even a full blown recession, but is it really as bad as we're lead to believe? I say "no, not even close."

Ask anyone who's 30 or older and grew up in a low middle income household in the 80's if anything they're currently seeing is even close to as difficult as they remember it being back then. I watched my parents deal with true gas shortages, in which there wasn't enough gas at the pump, what was there was rationed, and there were lines around the block of people paying \$1.50 a gallon (and that was if you could find a station that wasn't price gouging). The energy crisis of the 70's, which resulted in almost 11% national unemployment and far, far higher levels in the poorer states (of which I was a resident). Complete stagfalion of the economy, the likes of which we're not even close to seeing today. The collapse of the savings & loan banks, which resulted in a nationwide shutdown of new home construction worse than what we're now experiencing. The constant threat of nuclear war brought right up to the fall of communism in the USSR and the end of the Cold War. A complete powder keg of war and terror coming out of the Middle East (well, maybe not everything has changed...)

These were the issues my generation grew up with. I think a lot of people either grew up after these had resolved themselves or have forgotten about them entirely. Yes, I agree it's not the most desirable scenario to have to decide between paying your cable/internet bill & paying your electricity bill for a month. But for most low to mid middle class families in the 80's that was basically a good way to describe the whole decade, not just a couple months out of the year. We didn't have cable until 1994 because we couldn't afford it. We ate out once a week, on Sundays after church. My parents drove beaters... a concept in automobiles that seems to have been entirely forgotten wherein a family car is driven until it suffers a major mechanical failure and is replaced by a car a couple years young and a with (hopefully) a couple dozen thousand miles fewer. This was the rule, not the exception. When someone in the neighborhood bought a "new to them" used car everybody would stop by their house to look at it "Ooh, you have a cassette player instead of an 8-track, lucky dog!"

During the summer I'd go over to friends' places and we'd have sandwiches made from government cheese cut from a 5 lb brick. We frequently went to yard sales & Goodwill to do some shopping, while we were there we'd say hello to plenty of other "middle class" families we knew who were there doing the same thing. It wasn't middle class back then, it was "working class" and as such we lived from paycheck to paycheck and any extra money my dad made through overtime or such went into a savings account (another concept that seems to be dead.) I didn't have a brand new Nintendo within days of it being released in the store like so many "middle class" kids enjoy today. Instead I had an old Atari, bought from a yard sale, and I used it to play 6 year old games. Things like the newest fashions, electronics, and the newest toys were for rich kids, not middle class kids and certainly not poor kids.

It seems like today's middle class have forgotten what it has always meant to be middle class. It never meant you could buy all the new gadgetry you wanted, drive new cars, or even own a big house. It simply meant that with some wise budgeting your family didn't go hungry, you could buy some clothes, save some money for hard times, and have some money for reasonable entertainment and pastimes. Poverty back then meant you were paying for all your groceries with food stamps AND you didn't have a pot to piss in or a window to throw it out of. It seems like being expected to budget your expenses today automatically makes people believe they're no longer middle class, since they could buy everything on credit and live well above their means in the late 90's suddenly the definition of middle class and prosperity has dramatically change while the underlying descriptors of

it have remained the same. Similarly, we had people who weren't even middle class buying expensive houses and brand new vehicles in the 90's and now that the time has come to pay for them they want us to believe it's a sign of pending doom that they can't afford their smoke & mirrors lifestyle.

The American Dream didn't change... it's just a case of far too many Americans are daydreaming instead of remembering who we are and what we came from. The roaring 90's were the exception years, not the rule. We had a brief fling with unrestrained overconsumption and lived way above and beyond our means thanks to a lackadaisical attitude by banks & lenders and a completely make believe prosperity level invented alongside the .com bubble. People had wealth on paper and suddenly believed they were above middle class when in reality their wealth never translated off the paper and they were in about the same boat as they started out in.

So I don't believe for a moment that this country is in any worse shape than what we were in in the 80's and early 90's. In fact I think we're still head and shoulders above those days when people were living within their means, had trimmed all of the fat from their budgets, and still couldn't make ends meet. We all survived the 80's and, looking back, I really can't ever recall a time when I sat around feeling sorry for myself because life was still pretty darn good.

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