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Dear Sylvia:

Your discovery about Cecil Upshaw is hilarious... I am glad you finally found out who he is.

No, Jones Harris is not a bother. As you say, he is quite a character. Ironically, I know Bud Shrake who wrote Strange Peaches. He was sports writer for the Dallas Morning News for a long time. He also dated Jada for a time.

Since I read very little fiction (except science fiction or, if they can be considered "fiction", books on UFO's), I did not buy Shrake's book until I got your letter. My oldest boy, Larry, immediately took it away from me and is now reading it... I'll get around to it.

Bob Smith came to visit us in March and stayed until the first week in April. Jimmy Lee came home from Germany the day after Bob left and his wife and baby arrived two days later. They rented a little house a few blocks from us a couple of days after they got home. Then two days later, Larry and Billy were helping them move some of their things from our house when they were hit broadside in Larry's little Toyoto and Larry was almost killed. Every rib on his left side was broken and three of the ribs punctured his left lung. He lost his spleen and they took 3 quarts of blood out of his stomach during the operation. He was in intensive care at Presbyterian Hospital for a long time and then in the hospital for a long time after that. We now have him home. He is with us recuperating. He will never be the same but maybe it will turn him in another direction with his life--in which case, we would probably consider the accident a blessing in disguise. Our other boy, Billy, only received a broken arm out of the thing. Larry and his wife, Bobbie, had a two-week old baby daughter the day the accident occurred.

Your invitation to Fire Island is especially enticing since I desperately need a change of scenery. There is a bare possibility that I might make it the week of August 12th. If Larry continues to improve and nothing else unforeseen happens, I'll see what I can do.

Thanks for the copy of the Texas Observer. Your article was, as usual, very good.

I'll try to get a copy of The UFO Experience. I was surprised that Regnery published it. They usually publish very right-wing things. I didn't know they published anything on UFO's. I'll let you know what I think about it.

Love to you and Mimi,

