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GREEN FOG SIGHTINGS DOUBLE AS PAD ADMITS
"WE ARE LOSING THE PATTERN"



By Elias J. Mercer, Senior Science Correspondent

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EARTH PRIME – Paranormal Acoustics Division officials have confirmed what many investigators feared but few were willing to say publicly: the Green Manilishi Phenomenon is no longer behaving like an isolated anomaly. It is spreading. According to internal PAD briefing documents obtained by The Signal Gazette, confirmed manifestations have now been documented in thirty-two known realities, nearly doubling the number reported only weeks ago. Analysts stress that the increase itself is not the greatest concern. "The pattern is gone," one senior investigator stated under Omega Black clearance. "We used to predict where it might appear. Now we wait for someone else to report it." Earlier manifestations consistently centered around abandoned radio towers, broadcast facilities, theaters, and recording studios. The newest incidents have been reported in residential neighborhoods, remote mountain villages, underground transit systems, coastal shipping lanes, and locations with no known history of signal activity. Witness testimony, however, remains remarkably consistent. An emerald fog arrives without warning. Electronic equipment begins producing bursts of static. Power fluctuations ripple through nearby communications infrastructure. Then... people notice the face. Most witnesses describe little more than glowing eyes suspended within the fog. Others insist they briefly observed an ornate crown before the image dissolved. Cameras continue to frustrate investigators. Original photographs often appear ordinary until enlarged or digitally enhanced, revealing facial features that were not visible when the picture was taken. PAD imaging specialists refuse to speculate whether the face is actually becoming visible—or whether observers are only now beginning to perceive what has always been present. An equally troubling development has emerged from the entertainment industry. Multiple broadcasters reported unexplained audio distortion during the first commercial transmissions of an emerging musical act calling themselves The Sirens of Pop. Although PAD has not officially linked the events, investigators have quietly requested archived recordings from stations across several realities. Officials continue to advise citizens to avoid prolonged exposure to emerald fog and to report any unexplained radio transmissions immediately. Privately, however, investigators admit their greatest fear is no longer where the Green Manilishi will appear next. It is why certain realities have not reported him... ..yet.



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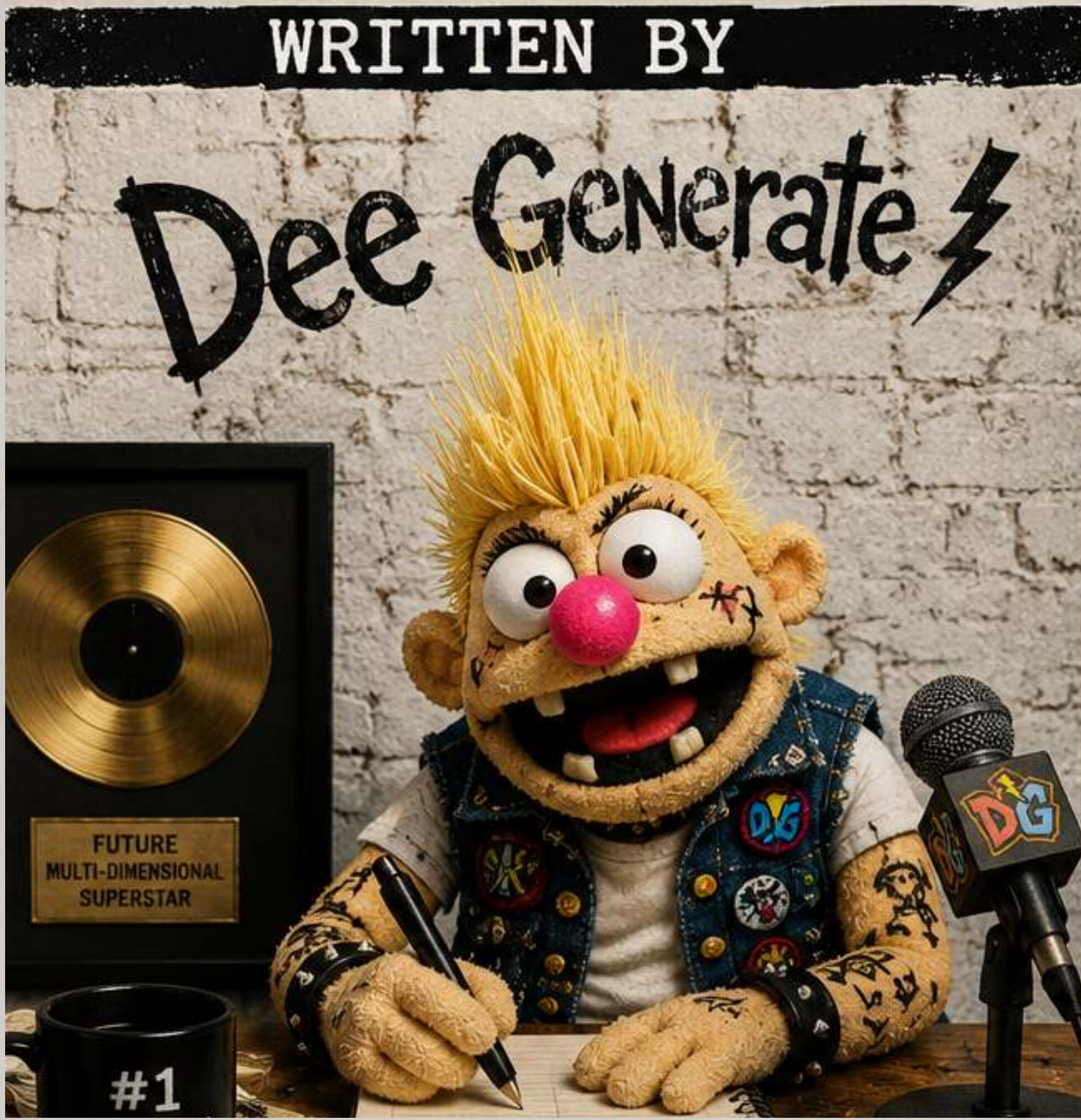
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EDITORIAL

The Cost of Ignoring Strange Things

By Eleanor Voss

Every civilization develops a remarkable talent for explaining away the things it cannot understand. A strange sound becomes faulty equipment. Green fog drifting through an abandoned neighborhood becomes "unusual weather." Missing radio transmissions are blamed on aging infrastructure, and eyewitness accounts are dismissed as overactive imaginations. Individually, each explanation sounds reasonable. Together, they become a pattern of convenient denial. History suggests that extraordinary events rarely announce themselves with certainty. They begin quietly, almost politely, leaving just enough doubt for sensible people to look the other way. By the time undeniable proof arrives, the opportunity to ask better questions has usually passed. Reports submitted to the Paranormal Acoustic Division continue to increase despite repeated assurances that no widespread threat exists. Whether these reports represent mass hysteria, environmental contamination, or something altogether stranger remains unknown. Perhaps the greatest danger is not the fog itself. Perhaps it is our determination to convince ourselves that nothing unusual is happening. If every witness is dismissed, every photograph questioned, and every unexplained broadcast ignored, then the greatest weapon any unknown force possesses is not fear. It is disbelief.



Dee's Second Opinion

By Dee Generate, Verified Celebrity (Self-Certified)

Butthole Surfers - After The Astronaut

★★★★

Pretty good.

I would've called it... After The Dee.

Also... The singer missed a huge opportunity

by not sounding more like me. Still...

Respect for making an album weird.

I'm weird too.

Just... better dressed.

Dee Generate

*Editor's Note: Dee attempted to rename the album three separate times during this review. None of his suggestions were accepted.

Butthole Surfers - After The Astronaut

Reviewed by Gregory P. Hawthorne

There are albums that arrive exactly when they're supposed to, and then there are records like After The Astronaut—albums that spend decades becoming myth before anyone has the chance to hear them properly. Originally shelved in the late 1990s before evolving into the compromised Weird Revolution, After The Astronaut finally emerges as something much closer to the record the Butthole Surfers intended to release. Rather than chasing commercial expectations, it leans back into the band's love of warped psychedelia, unsettling electronics, trip-hop textures, experimental noise, and moments of genuine beauty hidden beneath layers of controlled chaos. This isn't a return to Locust Abortion Technician, nor should it be. Instead, it captures a fascinating band caught between their feral underground roots and the strange electronic directions they were beginning to explore. It may not replace every fan's preferred version of these recordings, but it finally gives this long-lost chapter the presentation it deserved. More than nostalgia, After The Astronaut feels like unfinished business finally completed. It may have arrived nearly thirty years late, but great weirdness rarely follows a schedule.

Rating: 4½ out of 5 Signals

Why the Music Changed First

By Arthur Billings

Long before newspapers noticed the strange broadcasts, musicians did. Artists have always served as the first witnesses to cultural shifts. They hear rhythms others overlook, notice emotional undercurrents before they become headlines, and instinctively recognize when inspiration begins arriving from unfamiliar places. Perhaps that explains why so many recent recordings seem difficult to categorize. Genres blur together. Lyrics hint at places that cannot be found on maps. Familiar melodies return in unfamiliar forms, as though they originated somewhere else entirely before drifting into our own reality. Coincidence? Possibly. Then again, coincidence has become an increasingly unreliable explanation. The Sirens of Pop are only the latest example of this growing phenomenon. Whether their music is simply clever marketing or evidence of something more unsettling remains a matter of debate. What cannot be denied is their sudden appearance—and the speed with which their signal has spread. Maybe music has always crossed invisible boundaries before the rest of us noticed. Or perhaps the rest of us are only now beginning to listen.

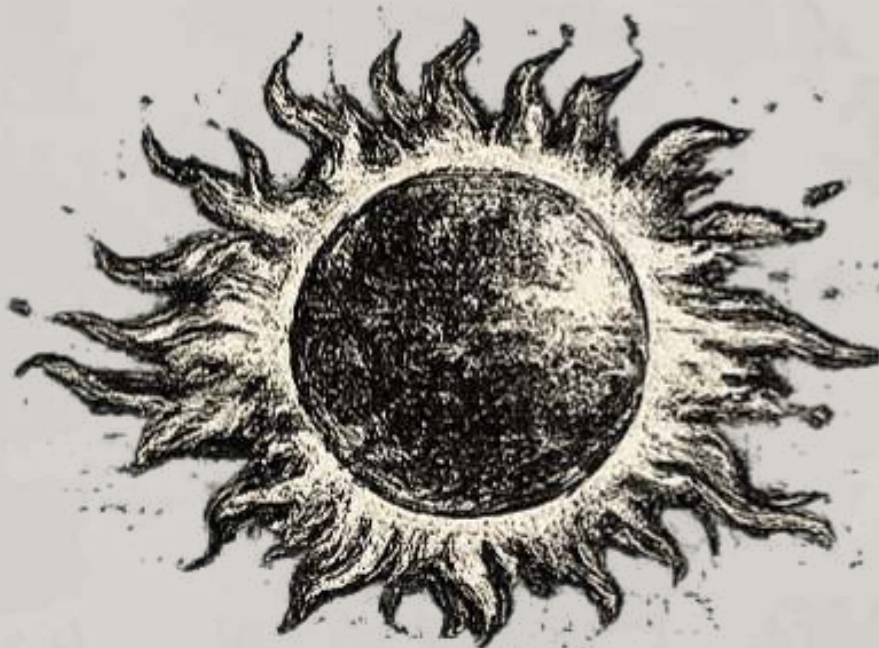
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