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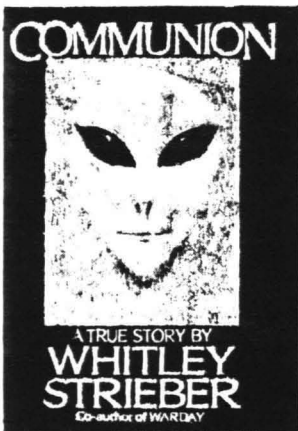
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### Books

By Gerald R. Kelly

### "Communion" explores alien visits



"Communion," by Whitley Strieber. Morrow.

Here they come again, the inhabitants of the UFOs, those smallish, rather polite creatures from elsewhere. The most famous visitations were perhaps published in Look magazine a number of years ago. Always, the creatures appear to be smaller than earthlings and to have large, rather slanted eyes.

The creatures are usually represented as being on earth on various research projects that require experiments on humans that range from elaborate to simple. They appear to administer no punishment and mean no harm.

They are as fascinating to Americans as the sex lives of superstars or ways to get around the IRS. The supermarket tabloids regularly have screamer headlines about babies with alien fathers born to earthling mothers or adventures of someone aboard UFOs, romping with the elves and trolls.

"Communion" may be the first serious effort of a serious journalist to record his experiences in a sober and sobering account. He appears not to be a sensationalist. His first thought was to entitle his book, "Body Terror," but on the suggestion of an alien speaking through his sleeping wife, changed the name to "Communion."

Strieber states at the offset of this unsettling but absorbing book that he is not a UFO nut, nor a psychic devotee of the spirit world. He is, he says, a natural skeptic who jeered along with the rest of reasonable folk, at UFOs and day-tripper Martians.

He is the author of a number of books that do not necessarily lend credibility to his account: "Warday," a non-fiction study of nuclear war possibilities, and a smattering of fiction with titles such as "Wolfen," "Black Magic," and "Catmagic." He is, nevertheless, a serious journalist.

As a serious journalist, when something inexplicable happened, he attempted to find answers to questions raised. He used a professional hypnotist to uncover clouded aspects of the occurrence and had the episodes recorded by

someone reliable. He carefully avoided doing what a journalist immediately does when confronted with an odd happening: research to discover other, similar odd happenings. But Strieber thought such research might influence his subconscious in ways that might emerge under hypnosis.

What emerged, instead, was a story of something that took place in October and December of 1986, and this led to a number of recollections of other odd and similar occurrences throughout his life.

Using a separate hypnotist, who was unacquainted with the situation, his wife was hypnotized and questioned about the strange night in October when a brilliant white light disturbed the author and his wife, their son, and two house guests. This is perhaps the most unsettling part of the book for it appears that the wife's tape-recorded answers under hypnosis support her husband's story in ways that are enormously revealing about the woman and her role in the episodes.

Strieber was visited on two major occasions, he states, by a number of small beings. He hypothesizes, from their appearance and their actions, that they might have a "hive" mentality in which each member has the knowledge of all other members of the hive. In appearance, they strongly resembled insects.

As hive-members, they felt threatened by an alert, awake individual who could and would act for himself. They had elaborate methods to calm, sedate and control their subject of research.

After a lifetime of having been tested and probed, Strieber is told: "You are the chosen one."

Writing about a book such as this can only make the book appear fanciful and fantastic. It is anything but. He has the natural skepticism of a journalist, and he took actions that seem those of a reasonable and sane man once he accepted the idea that he had been tested by alien creatures.

His book is most convincing when he is simply recounting what happened, least convincing when dredging up the lore and legend of times gone by to prove a connecting link. The link may well be there, but the connection is stretched too thin by the author's speculations. Pure narrative is far more credible.

Strieber's appearance on various talk shows has hyped the sale of this book, but before such appearances began, it was a bestseller at the Bunch of Grapes and at various places in the country.

## UFOs seen again near area town

By JANE WEIHMEIR  
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BELLEVILLE — Once again people have reported seeing strange objects in the sky near Belleville.

Just this past weekend, two men noted some unusual "clouds of smoke" off to the west on Friday and others observed a cigar-shaped object Sunday.

The small community has been the focus of considerable UFO activity since mid-January when a Belleville police officer reported a lighted object which lingered throughout the night and was tracked on radar.

Those following the Belleville UFO reports have begun to wonder what makes the area so unique.

Don Schmitt, with the Center for UFO Studies, said the center is currently probing more than one dozen independent sightings in the Belleville area.

The majority reportedly occurred Jan. 16, the night of the initial report, and other sightings were recorded each of the following three weeks, mostly on Thursday nights or Friday mornings.

"It's one thing if we have an isolated sighting and we just generally deal with it just as a UFO sighting, but when you have a high concentration of sightings in one particular area, obviously we are starting to look around for other things," Schmitt said. He is a director and investigator with the Center.

"We obviously have to question the fact that if it is...some attraction, that there may be something else going on," he said.

Schmitt said he checked with Special Effects International of Lake Geneva to see if the company had launched something in the area to test public reaction.

According to Schmitt, Special Effects had developed a cigar-shaped object with red, blue and white lights in the mid 70s. It was on display for a period of time, but it is in California now, he said.

Schmitt said he was assured by company officials that they hadn't launched anything near Belleville.

In the most recent Friday night report, Fred Gochenaur was with Harvey Funseth when they noted something odd in the sky around 6 p.m.

Gochenaur said they both saw it at the same time, but neither said anything right away. The object resembled a kite, he said.

Gochenaur described it as four narrow clouds of dark gray smoke. The pair drove toward it because it "didn't look right."

They watched for about 20 minutes as it gradually broke apart and one of the four clouds took off like a jet, only slower, Gochenaur said.

The Belleville man described the cloud as being similar to a jet trail, but the wrong color.

Funseth took pictures of the scene, but it is unknown how they will turn out. He was not available for comment on the sighting.

According to an Associated Press report, Lavonne Freidig

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said she saw something she first thought was a distant flock of geese, but closer observation showed an object shaped like an airplane fuselage with no wings.

"It just hung there. I watched it and watched it," she said Monday of the object or objects she and her son, Bill, saw in the sky at dusk Sunday.

After several minutes, the hitherto motionless object took off without a sound, leaving a vapor trail and several smaller objects behind it, she said.

"It was really strange," said Freidig, adding that a local businessman and several of his out-of-town relatives, as well as residents of nearby Paoli also saw the object, and that someone also photographed it with a camera he had in his car.

She said she and her son called the Dane County sheriff's office and were given the number of a national unidentified flying object reporting center to call.

The cigar-shaped object appeared to be about as large as a pen held at arm's length, she said.

In mid-January, Belleville police officer Glen Kazmar reported seeing lights much brighter than a star suspended in the sky west of Belleville for more than a half hour one evening.

He said at the time that a Federal Aviation Administration radar center in Illinois detected a slow-moving object on its radar screens on the night in question.

Jack Smith, manager of the FAA control tower at the Dane County Regional Airport in Madison, said Monday that tower operators did not report any unidentified objects on their radar screens Sunday evening.

He said the tower received no reports of sightings from pilots.

CENTRAL NEWS-JOURNAL, Campbellsville, KY  
May 4, 1987

### UFO spotted in LaRue County

LARUE COUNTY—Could beings from another planet be visiting Hodgenville and the surrounding area?

Norman and Margaret Skaggs think so. On several occasions they have seen a strange light in the clouds towards Greensburg or Campbellsville from their Mt. Sherman home.

The only thing visible during the sightings has been the light, according to Mrs. Skaggs. She said she is convinced that the light is a UFO similar to one sighted recently near Corydon, Ind. The light has no color, she said, and resembles a car headlight but she hasn't seen any flying cars.

## Seguin man's group attempts to unearth UFO mysteries

By John MacCormack

TIMES HERALD SAN ANTONIO BUREAU

SEGUIN — On Nov. 17, the crew of a Japan Air Lines jet traveling from Iceland to Alaska reported that the plane was being shadowed by three unidentified flying objects, one several times larger than an aircraft carrier.

Activity on radar screens of ground controllers seemed to confirm the report, and federal officials who later interviewed the pilot and two crew members found them to be "professional and rational."

When news of the sighting leaked out Dec. 28, it created quite a stir on the host planet, particularly at the home of Walter Andrus.

Andrus, who lives near Seguin, is international director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), an organization that claims 1,200 members who study and document hundreds of UFO reports each year.

"For about two weeks it was wild," Andrus said of the period after the Japanese sighting. "We were running one to five talk shows a day and our mail jumped about three times. We

were even interviewed by Bunte (a magazine) from West Germany and by the London Sunday Mirror," he said.

Andrus, 66, is a short, bespectacled man who speaks with untiring good humor about his mission. He's taking the latest flurry of activity in stride. It has happened before and will no doubt happen again.

When UFOs were reported in Brazil last May, the phone rang in Seguin. When there was a sighting shortly afterward in Petaluma, Calif., Andrus soon dispatched MUFON investigators to the site.

As head of the largest UFO organization in the world, and professed witness to one UFO visitation, Andrus lives in anticipation of such episodes, buoyed by a cheerful confidence that eventually some extra-terrestrial navigator will linger long enough to dispel doubts.

"This is UFO education we're doing now. We're preparing people because we think a visit is inevitable. We're trying to force the government to admit there are UFOs; come out and say it," he said.

The association has been on the watch since 1969, when the federal government officially shelved its own UFO investigative project. Andrus describes himself as "an objective skeptic," and said the group is dedicated to scientific investigation. Membership is by invitation only and annual dues have just been raised to \$25.

He has been the organization's director since 1970, a long time to be so closely associated with a subject that receives its most enthusiastic support from supermarket tabloids.

"You have to have a sense of humor to get involved in such a controversial subject. People are going to take shots at you, and you have to roll with the punches," he said.

His resume, however, belies his other-worldly fascination: born in Des Moines, graduate of a technical institute, a Navy electronics technician during World War II, and from 1949 to 1975, an employee of Motorola, Inc., retiring as production manager of the company's Seguin plant. Andrus is a practicing Presbyterian, twice a grandfather and maintains an interest in stamp collecting, ham radios and public speaking.

Andrus became interested in UFOs after he and his family saw

four metallic spheres in the sky over downtown Phoenix in August 1948. Andrus said the objects disappeared one by one and moments later reappeared in a different part of the sky.

In Seguin, the only clue of his unusual avocation is the acronym, MUFON, painted on his mailbox. In his study are filing cabinets, a wall of UFO books, a Speed Queen automatic washer and dryer, and a few odd toy flying saucers and antenna-headed spacemen.

"People say that if we knew about UFOs it would destroy our religion and the stock market would crash and so on. But I don't believe that at all. We fear the unknown and if we knew all about UFOs, there would be nothing to fear," he said.

When a sighting is reported, MUFON is quick to interview witnesses and compile information. About 90 percent of the UFO reports it investigates turn out to be airplanes or natural phenomena. The best of the rest are described in the organization's monthly journal.

In the case of the recent Alaskan report, it was Andrus who did some of the early legwork.

"The first thing we always do is to find out who our closest investigator is. So, I called a fellow who

lives in Fairbanks, but he was in the states. Next, I tried Anchorage, but had no luck. So I elected to call Paul Steucke, the FAA spokesman in Anchorage."

Steucke, who said he received at least 200 media inquiries following disclosure of the sighting, referred calls to Andrus' group.

Which to Andrus suggests the Japanese crew saw the real thing. However, UFO investigator Philip Klass, an editor for the magazine Aviation Week and Space Technology, looked into the sighting and has concluded that what the crew saw was an unusually bright image of the planet Jupiter and possibly Mars.

Nevertheless, Andrus is convinced that the government has systematically suppressed evidence about UFOs for almost four decades and would quickly repudiate the Alaskan episode if it had any means to do so.

It's only a matter of time, he said, before UFOs decide to make themselves known to the human race.

"How could we on the planet earth be so egotistical," he asked, "to believe that God created life only on this little speck of dust and ignored the rest of the Universe?"

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### SCIENCE MUSINGS/CHET RAYMO

## Close encounters of the enduring kind

They just won't go away. They hang around up there, year after year, in their saucer-shaped craft, playing tag with airliners and causing inexplicable blips on radar screens. They love to show off, flying in tight formation, or doing 90-degree turns at twice the speed of sound. And every now and then, when they get really bored, they land and treat some lucky (unlucky?) human to a ride. Maybe even whisk him away on a quick trip back to the home planet. These aliens in the UFOs have made themselves a permanent part of our culture.

On Aug. 12 of last year thousands of people in the eastern United States witnessed a spectacular unidentified flying object. One observer saw "a glowing, spiral pinwheel, standing on end and moving on a line from southeast to northwest." Others reported a luminous disk larger than the moon, with a starlike core. None of the witnesses, including many amateur astronomers, had ever seen anything like it. Police departments and radio stations were swamped with calls.

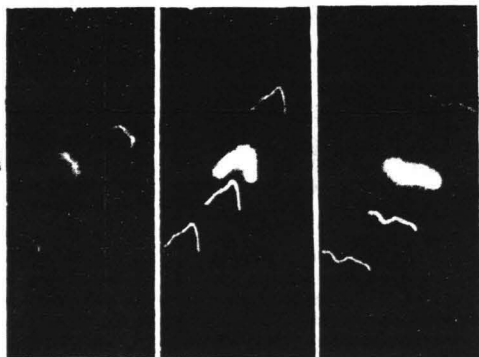
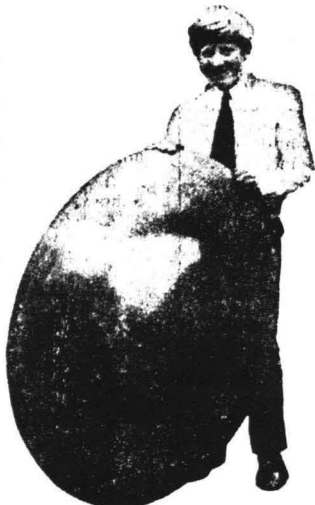
Then, on Nov. 17, the pilot of a Japan Air Lines cargo jet flying over the Arctic Ocean reported being followed for nearly an hour by two strands of lights and a huge "mother ship." The large object was the "size of two battleships," the pilot said, and appeared to be made by a "high technology and intelligence." Blips on a ground-based radar screen seemed to confirm that a craft of unknown origin was in the vicinity of the jet.

Investigations of these two reports are now complete, but before I reveal how two UFOs became IFOs let me put the sightings into context.

#### The first saucer story

It all started 40 years ago, on Tuesday, June 24, 1947. Businessman Kenneth Arnold was flying his private plane above the Cascade Mountains in Washington. Nine circular objects, in tight, diagonal formation, passed within 25 miles of his plane. Later, Arnold told a reporter that the objects flew "like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water." The next day all America heard about the flying saucers. Within a month, saucers had been reported from every state in the Union and half the countries in the world.

I lived through the excitement. I was 12 years old in January, 1948, when Capt. Thomas Mantell, in a P-51 Mustang, chased a saucer up to 20,000 feet. He lost consciousness and nose-dived into the ground. The headline I remember read something like:



AP/UPI photos  
Ken Chamberlain Jr. made these photos of strange lights in sky over Columbus, Ohio, in 1973. At least 150 others reported seeing the UFOs. At left, Neil Batey with "flying saucer" he found in England in 1967. It reportedly contained two car batteries, a British-made radio transmitter and a beeping speaker.

#### "Air Force Pilot Killed Chasing UFO."

Big news for a 12-year-old. For the next six years I read everything I could find about flying saucers. And there was plenty to read: Books and magazine articles by the dozens. The newsletters of UFO societies. The official report of an Air Force UFO investigation.

And so began the cult of UFOs. The cult endures today, as vigorously as ever. I am often asked if I believe in UFOs. The answer is yes. I have seen several UFOs in my life. Anybody who regularly watches the sky is sure to see an occasional unidentified flying object. I remember one night in particular when a bunch of us were standing around in a misty field with a telescope. This thing zipped across the sky from east to west, turned around, and zipped back. Too fast for a plane. Meteorites don't turn around. Whatever it was was unidentified. And flying. An honest-to-goodness UFO.

#### The mundane and the mysterious

But did it have an extraterrestrial origin? Not likely. Most UFOs turn out to have a more mundane explanation, and the rest remain simply unexplained.

The spectacular object that appeared over the eastern United States on Aug. 12, 1986, was a cloud of fuel vented from a Japanese satellite launch vehicle, in orbit high above the Earth. Similar clouds have been observed in South America from Soviet launchings from Plesetsk, and in Australia from American launchings from Cape Canaveral. They occur at a particular place in

the launch trajectory. The Japanese rocket test was the first of its kind, and the cloud of vented fuel the first to appear over the United States.

What the pilot of the Japan Air Lines jet probably saw on Nov. 17 was the planet Jupiter, which was very bright at that time and in the same part of the sky as the observed UFO. The Federal Aviation Agency has issued a report of its investigation of the incident over the Arctic Ocean. The FAA was unable to confirm the sighting. A United Airlines pilot in the vicinity of the Japan Air Lines plane saw nothing. The blips on the radar screen that seemed to confirm the UFO turned out to be "split-radar returns," shadows of the plane's primary echo.

Of the thousands of UFOs that have been reported over the past 40 years, not one has passed scientific muster for an object of extraterrestrial origin. But still the cult of the UFO endures. Cultists will not be dissuaded by talk of vented rocket fuel and "split-radar" echoes. They will say that once again conspiratorial scientists have "explained away" something that doesn't fit accepted theories.

I won't speak for others, but inside this typically skeptical scientist there is a 12-year-old boy who wants desperately to believe in the visitors from outer space. He's still waiting for the evidence.

Chet Raymo is a professor of physics at Stonehill College and author of several books on science.

NEWS, Hutchinson, KS

April 18, 1987

### Couple says UFO flew over Hutch Friday

The stars were out and a light breeze was blowing. All was calm Friday night in the 600 block of North Poplar until "it" flew by.

A couple sitting on their front porch saw it about 10:20 p.m. In an interview minutes later with The News, they told of the sighting, but asked not to be named in a story. The wife gave the first description.

"It was kind of gliding, going east. No lights, no noise, no nothing. About as high as the Wiley Building. It looked kind of triangular-shaped. We couldn't see it until the street lights reflected on it. It was like a boomerang, with the pointed end forward. It was hard to tell how big it was. It wasn't as large as an airplane," she said.

Her husband described the object's color as "gun-metal blue."

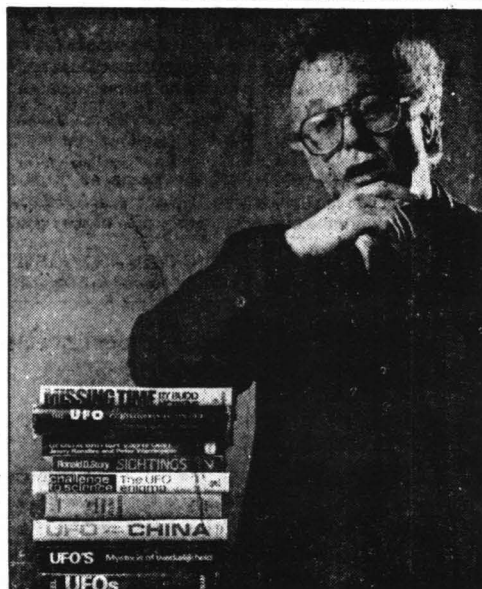
"It wasn't an airplane. I've been in the desert and seen lots of planes fly over. I thought maybe a glider. There wouldn't be one up after night, would there?" he asked.

At the Hutchinson Airport Control Tower, a Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controller said he had no explanation for the couple's sighting.

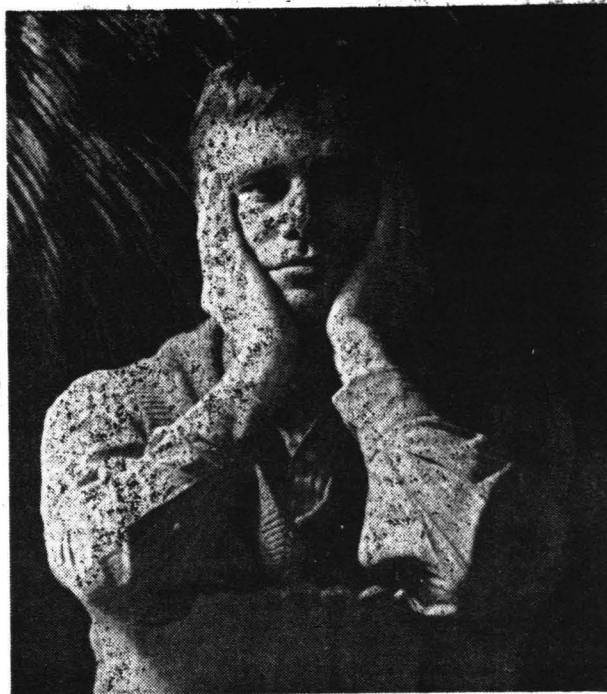
Earlier in the evening, a Life-watch helicopter landed at Hutchinson Hospital and later left, but its flight path took it over the airport and southeast of town, the controller said.

A Hutchinson Police spokesman at 10:55 p.m. said the department had received no reports of UFO sightings Friday night.

## Accounts of being whizzed off to spaceships and examined by alien creatures are on the rise.



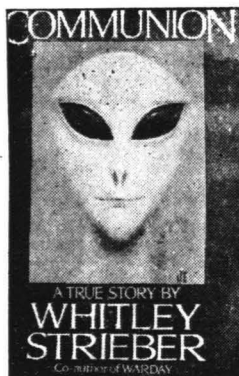
David Jacobs of Temple teaches a course on UFOs.



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Whitley Strieber, author of "Communion," a book about aliens.

# Exploring the claims of UFO 'abductions'



Cover of Strieber's new book

By Michael Capuzzo  
Inquirer Staff Writer

A whooshing noise awakened Whitley Strieber in his upstate New York cabin on the night after Christmas 1985. He sat up in bed. The burglar alarm glowed armed and undisturbed. His wife, Annie, slept peacefully beside him. His dog, beneath the bed, didn't stir.

Then, slowly, the bedroom door began to open.

The next morning, Strieber, 41, remembered nothing unusual.

But in the next few days he was plagued by disturbing images: images of floating out of the room and above the treetops, naked and paralyzed; of being examined by 3-foot-tall gray creatures with huge dark eyes who inserted a hairlike probe into his brain. Images that led the best-selling author to question his sanity.

Strieber's search for answers led him to a New York City support group of about 50 people who reported similar abductions and examinations by small gray creatures with bulbous heads and luminous black eyes. The group, which included cops and lawyers, doctors and truckers, a stockbroker and a composer, shared bizarre stories at an emotional "abductee party" last year in Manhattan.

Strieber's story, chronicled in his recently published book, *Communion*, seems the stuff of supermarket tabloids and science-fiction movies. But alien-abduction reports, and books on the subject, are increasing and are being taken seriously by some scholars, including David M. Jacobs, a history professor at Temple University.

Jacobs, who wrote a book on the history of UFOs, teaches what is believed to be the country's only accredited undergraduate course on the UFO phenomenon. Last year he began interviewing area residents who had reported similar encounters. He is convinced, he says, that, because of the real anxiety reported by a growing number of "sane people," something is happening.

Mere sightings of UFOs, such as that in November of a Japanese pilot who said a UFO followed him over Alaska while he was flying from Europe to Japan, are "throwbacks to the '50s" that pale in significance to abduction reports, Jacobs said.

"The amazing thing about this is that it's absolutely impossible to explain what is happening to these peo-

ple," Jacobs said. "There is no explanation in science. No explanation in psychology. These are disparate individuals who are telling stories in great detail without any knowledge of the subject, without any knowledge of anyone [making similar claims]. They all sort of started at once, they have no ax to grind, and none of them ever exhibited anything like psychosis or mental disease or trauma."

There is no evidence of a mass hoax or hallucination, Jacobs said.

"We just have scores and scores of cases, and they are coming out of the woodwork. And they are all telling the same story, down to the minutest details."

The first reports of modern UFO sightings in this country were recorded in 1947. During the '50s Americans were titillated by charlatans who made fortunes selling books, photographs and music about their encounters with alien "space brothers," Jacobs said. Eccentric "Professor" George Adamski of California said little scout ships took him to a mother ship, which had elevators and a swimming pool, and he met the king of the moon.

"It was horrendous, embarrassing," Jacobs said, "and made ridicule seem like the appropriate response to all UFO witnesses."

The first case to be considered seriously by some scholars was that of civil-rights activist Barney Hill (who grew up in Philadelphia) and his wife, Betty, a social worker, whose tale of abduction from their Portsmouth, N.H., home was the subject of a *Look* magazine series in 1966, then a book, *The Interrupted Journey*, and a movie, *The UFO Incident*.

Strieber, author of several horror novels, including *The Hunger* and *Wolfen*, acknowledges that some critics will dismiss *Communion* as the work of a master storyteller. So he passed a polygraph examination by Ned Laurendi, vice president of the Empire State Polygraph Society, "to reassure readers that I honestly think that I perceived the things reported in this book."

Strieber also was examined by Donald F. Klein, director of research at the New York State Psychiatric Institute and professor of psychiatry at Columbia University.

"I have examined Whitley Strieber and found that he is not suffering from a psychosis," Klein wrote in *Communion*. "He is not hallucinating in a manner characteristic of psychosis. I also see no evidence of an anxiety state, mood disorder or per-

sonality disorder. He has approached the dilemma of what is happening to him in a careful and forthright way."

In the '80s, while reports of UFO sightings have leveled off to about 350 a year, abduction reports are rising at an "explosive" rate, Jacobs said.

Only 10 years ago, there were perhaps a dozen reported UFO-abduction cases. Now the number is about 300, according to Walter H. Andrus Jr., international director of the Texas-based Mutual UFO Network, a group of volunteers that records UFO reports.

### Anxiety on I-95

Cases like that of Deborah Johnson, who lives in South Philadelphia. Driving to her home, which was then in Bucks County, from her job as marketing director of a Princeton, N.J., real estate company last fall, Johnson (who asked that her real name not be used) was filled with dread whenever she drove along a particular stretch of Interstate 95 about 10 miles south of Princeton.

"That really bothered me," said Johnson, 27, in a recent interview. "I'm not crazy, and here I was feeling anxious about stupid little things — a stretch of road [and] going up a flight of stairs at home."

Johnson underwent hypnosis with Jacobs to see if she was blocking any traumatic memories. In a hypnotic state, Johnson told of an incident that even she found hard to believe. She related a UFO's setting down on that same stretch of I-95 one night and told of being beckoned aboard by a tiny, large-headed creature with huge black eyes.

"I had never seen a UFO movie, never read a UFO book. I thought it was all a lot of baloney," Johnson said. "I thought UFOs were the product of three-martini lunches at the National Enquirer. ... I thought I was losing my mind."

In the last four months, Johnson has begun to re-evaluate her entire life as she unleashed 400 pages of emotionally charged testimony of a "secret life" previously unknown to her, of being abducted by the same alien at ages 6, 10, 11, 17 and 18, and perhaps several times recently.

### Childhood incident

When Johnson began to explore her unexplained anxiety over a certain hill outside her native Pittsburgh, she began only with a vague memory of an unexplained afternoon when she was 6.

"I was with a girlfriend, and all of a sudden we found ourselves on this hill. It was far away from where we used to play — we were not allowed to play there. We looked across a field, and we looked at these boys playing baseball. But we didn't see them get on the field. I certainly don't remember walking there."

Under hypnosis, Johnson recounted being abducted as a child by the same large-headed creature she would tell of seeing on I-95 years later, of being taken aboard a UFO, medically examined in a round room and returned to the hill with no conscious memory of what had happened.

"We were looking for butterflies at the very top of that hill, a big hill, and I felt heat on my back," she said in a recent interview, recalling what she had remembered under hypnosis. "I turned around, and there was a light on me. I feel faint, dizzy. The next thing I remember, I'm held in someone's arms, being taken in like a hole, a hatch. In there to the white room, the operating room. I kept thinking, 'This is a dream, I'm crazy, I'm sick.' There were two humanoids there, calming me down. They did a full examination. They started at my feet; they touched with the pads of their fingers — everywhere, my feet, my whole body. Then they did a gynecological exam. It was very upsetting."

Like many "abductees," Johnson's accounts include being taken into a flying saucer and then into a round room, colorless, sterile, with a white or gray operating table. Johnson's description of the alien beings matches the descriptions provided by other "abductees" in case after case: tiny bodies, large heads, no ears or noses, slit mouth and huge, piercing black eyes. Most report emaciated bodies, grayish or whitish skin.

As in other cases, Johnson was somehow paralyzed as aliens used a needle at the back of her neck and said, "We need a little piece of you to study."

How does a person, years later, come to believe he or she was kidnapped by an alien?

For Johnson, the climactic moment came while watching a television talk show. A woman who said she had been abducted by an extraterrestrial being held up a drawing she made of the alien's face.

"I screamed," Johnson said. "I practically ripped the gears off the TV set, shutting it off."

She contacted the woman, who eventually referred her to Budd Hopkins, an abstract artist who has been investigating UFO reports for many years.

In his 1981 book, *Missing Time*, Hopkins, 55, was the first to report the similar patterns of UFO abductions, according to Jacobs. His newest book, *Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods*, to be published this month, is based on interviews with more than 100 "abductees." Assisted by psychologists, psychiatrists and physicians, he has investigated the bulk of reported UFO abduction cases in the country and holds "abductee" support-group meetings at his New York apartment.

### Some discounted

Hopkins doesn't believe everyone who comes to him with a story of alien abduction. He is careful to screen out those with mental problems.

"When I run into a psychotic — and I do run into them," he says, "they are not telling this kind of story. They're telling stories of the CIA and Jesus and spaceships, a big mishmash. As one psychologist told me, who would even fantasize a thing like this?"

He withholds "key information"

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from his books, such as an unusual design that numerous "abductees" have reported seeing on the walls inside the spaceships. People who don't describe it accurately are suspect, Hopkins said.

"Abductees" are most often kidnapped in the middle of the night and feel strangely powerless and immobilized. The "abductors" seem to mean no harm and seem puzzled by the fright and anger that abductees feel at being taken against their will, according to Hopkins. Abductees commonly report receiving seemingly telepathic messages, such as "Do not be afraid. We will not hurt you."

The beings they report are neither malicious nor friendly but clinical, neutral, like "indifferent veterinarians," Strieber says.

Hopkins has photographs of small, scooplike scars on the backs, arms or legs of more than a dozen subjects who believe they have been abducted. He speculates the aliens are taking cell samples — and somehow tagging their captives, much as a scientist tags animals in nature studies.

### Hypnotic eyes

Most of these people report being mesmerized by alien eyes: luminous, black, wraparound eyes that sometimes seem to be smiling. Or, as Strieber says, "eyes that seem to stare into the deepest core of being."

Hopkins acknowledges his 350 hours of tapes of abduction stories are "intrinsically unbelievable."

"Again and again they say, 'I feel like I'm making this up,'" he said. "Nobody can believe this, even the people to whom it happened. They want to believe they're just dreaming, but it seems so much like a real experience."

Hopkins said that, after years of research, he believed that humans were being abducted for use in reproductive studies.

"This is really off the wall," he says. "But this is what it's all about."

Many "abductees" tell of having sperm samples taken or of undergoing gynecological exams that include taking eggs from ovaries, Hopkins said.

In *Intruders*, Kathie Davis (a pseudonym given her by Hopkins) recalls a "dream" of alien beings' removing her fetus. The next day, the Indianapolis woman, who was two months pregnant, suffered what doctors called an unexplained lost pregnancy. Hopkins' book also includes the testimony of eight other women who, like Davis, say the aliens showed them babies that the women felt powerfully were their own, half-human, half-alien.

Established science remains skeptical of the existence of UFOs and just as skeptical of accounts of alien abductions. Astronomer Carl Sagan says that after thousands of sightings, no one has yet produced physical evidence from an alien ship.

Philip Morrison, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and one of the world's leading physicists, said in a recent interview on abduction cases: "Go into a state hospital, and every 10th person will tell you the same [abduction] story."

Philip J. Klass, author of *UFOs: The Public Deceived*, says "abductees" invent their eerily similar kidnap tales based on media accounts. Paul Kurtz, chairman of the Committee for Scientific Explanation for Claims of the Paranormal, says abduction reports "are on the fringes of science fiction. What do you think of people who see pink elephants? Have you heard of hallucinogenics? Schizophrenics?"

Sagan's advice to "abductees," Hopkins says, is "Grab something and run out of the room."

### Rendered immobile

Yet in every case researched by Hopkins, "abductees" report being powerless to act. He told of one "abductee," "a big, tall, Army officer, a macho guy," who resolved to flee. But the man told Hopkins that the aliens immobilized him.

"He just stood there. A little guy with long fingers just took him by the wrist and led him out of the room like a baby."

Efforts to find traces of medical procedures allegedly performed by the aliens also have failed. Twenty people interviewed by Hopkins, including Strieber, have reported under hypnosis the insertion of a needle through a nostril into the brain, and the implantation of a tiny,

diamond-shaped object. Strieber underwent a CAT scan that failed to reveal such an implant.

Such a discovery would go a long way toward convincing science that humans have contacted alien beings, according to Robert Koch, a University of Pennsylvania professor of astrophysics and astronomy.

"Supposing one actually came across a piece of machinery, apparatus, artifact, that literally couldn't be made on Earth," Koch said. "It might be an alloy of two member metals that simply couldn't be mixed here on Earth or a synthetic fabric that wasn't known on Earth, a fragment of cloth, or paper, that no technology exists to develop. A sample of the unfamiliar would be very powerful testimony for the extraterrestrial."

"As long as it rests on anecdotal information, the general judgment of people who are informed and think about this is that it will remain unproved."

Jacobs says people who believe they have been abducted shouldn't be ridiculed.

"We're not dealing with mass hallucinations or mass hysteria or the collective unconscious," he said. "I deal with 'abductees' in Philadelphia, and they are just ordinary people who work and go about their lives, but this thing has happened to them. The possibility that these people are saying things that actually occurred to them must be taken seriously. The trauma they experience is just incredible. You cannot say these are crazy people and it just couldn't have happened."



Whitley Strieber with a painting he says reminds him of an encounter with extraterrestrials.

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## UFO Expert Points to Coverup When Subject is Brought Up

By RICK DAVIS  
Journal Writer

The subject is Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and possible U.S. government coverups of their existence. The data, presented succinctly by Robert Hastings, comes from years of research and papers obtained under the Freedom of Information Act.

A conclusion is that something akin to the so-called Star Wars space defense plan already exists. Only it's the alien Chewbaccas that are controlling the machinery, not the human Lukes.

Hastings, an independent civilian researcher presented his "UFOs: The Hidden History" lecture to an overflow audience at the Idaho State University Student Union Ballroom Monday night. In it, he portrayed an ongoing coverup by the Air Force, FBI and CIA which has come to light since over 600 previously classified documents were obtained by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, an optical physicist working for the U.S. Navy and W. Todd Zechel, a former National Security Agency employee.

The documents include internal memos, reports from air traffic controllers and pilots and North American Air Defense (NORAD) directors' logs which Hastings says, "document a pattern of overflights and interference by UFOs at military nuclear installations since the late 1940s."

Hastings' talk was sponsored by the Issues and Speakers Committee of the ISU Program Board and attracted the largest crowd ever for such an event, according to director Chris Middleton.

The most provocative document is a memo from Guy Hottel, now deceased, to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in 1950 which discusses the recovery of three flying saucers. "Each one occupied by three bodies of human shape but only three feet tall," recovered in New Mexico.

Other papers from the CIA discuss the need to get information on UFOs to determine national security implications and overflights and landings by saucers at Air Force bases, attempted intercepts by Air Force fighters and eyewitness accounts from security personnel.

Hastings says incidents at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., in 1966-67 and 1975, Loring AFB in Maine,

*Critics and skeptics are numerous, from intelligence and military personnel to scientists like Cornell University's Dr. Carl Sagan, who wants proof of UFOs.*

Los Alamos Research Facility in New Mexico and other overflights, "expressed clear interest (by UFOs) in nuclear bomb storage hangars."

The latest document, dated August, 1980 describes, "a round disk-shaped craft sighted by security forces near Kirtland AFB, New Mexico."

The object apparently sat down next to a storage area with 400 nuclear warheads and Hastings says he has eyewitness accounts of triggering mechanisms malfunctioning and fires of unknown origin taking place after overflights at other installations.

"They may be selectively sending signals that they have the power to shut down a nuclear launch," Hastings said. "Whoever is flying these things has an interest in our nuclear weapons capabilities. I've had maintenance personnel who corroborated that when the missiles have been inspected (following UFO overflights) they were found to be non-operative."

Hastings added that Zechel contacted USAF Col. Robert B. Willingham who swore out a deposition that he had first-hand knowledge of a crash recovery operation on the Texas-Mexico border in 1950, headed by Col. John Bowen. Bowen would neither confirm nor deny the incident, Hastings added.

"I have two other NSA sources, neither of them who know each other, who were told that alien bodies are stored at Brooks Aeromedical Laboratories in San Antonio, Tex.," he continued.

"Why would these people swear out affidavits attesting to something so crazy? They haven't made any

money off it and they appear to be publicity-shy."

Hastings also has a copy of a letter written by then Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater to Lee M. Graham stating, "I have given up acquiring access to the so-called blue room at Wright-Patterson (Air Force Base, Ohio) as I have had one long string of denials from chief after chief."

Hastings said reports indicate saucer remains are stored at the facility.

Goldwater's former administrative assistant, Judy Eisenhower, told the *Journal* Monday that, "the Senator probably wrote that letter. I remember the incident."

Goldwater, who was chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee at the time, could not be reached for comment.

Other reports range from a saucer that buzzed an Atlas ICBM which later malfunctioned in 1964 to then CIA executive assistant Victor Marchetti (who later wrote a book on the subject) stating for the record that he came across information that indicated saucers had crashed, been secretly recovered and involved, "very sensitive operations."

Hastings says he's not out to "get the government." He says he simply is presenting the facts, which have been routinely denied by the Air Force, CIA and NORAD for years. He says he has no answers and that he is not making very much money lecturing 40 times per year at \$750 plus travel expenses per talk.

After the talk, a number of people recounted their own experiences with UFOs.

They included a sighting of a luminous object hovering above the Gay Mine in 1975, a mysterious stationary bright object north of the Test Area North facility at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory in 1975, a possible scramble of Hill Air Force base jets to investigate a UFO over Ogden, Utah in 1985 and sightings of UFOs above Franklin County power lines on several occasions.

Hastings termed the comments from audience members as typical and referred many of them to the Fund For UFO Research, Box 277, Mt. Ranier, Md., 20712.

He said his involvement with UFOs began in 1967, when as a teenager visiting the control tower at Malmstrom where his father was stationed, he witnessed the radar sighting of five UFOs.



ROBERT HASTINGS

...Not getting rich, he says.

"When the situation got heated and obviously the persons in the tower were upset I was asked to leave," he said. "I later was told the targets turned out to be objects that were neither aircraft nor helicopters maneuvering near ICBM silos. They ascended in unison at speeds tracked by radar at 4,800 MPH."

Critics and skeptics of the program are numerous, from intelligence and military personnel to scientists like Cornell University's Dr. Carl Sagan, who says that until he sees physical evidence of UFOs, he concludes that they do not exist.

"Sagan has missed the boat," said Hastings. "He has not been prepared to review the type of data that has come forth. The most vocal critics are the persons who have never studied the data."

Hastings says he is generally well-received by his college audiences, and will next speak at Arizona State University later this month. He concludes with his personal opinion of UFOs:

"Perhaps they consider themselves our guardians and are here to keep the children from burning their hands on a hot stove."

# Flying saucers are real, but not from space

The flying saucer controversy is heating up again with a mysterious sighting of "space ships" over Alaska by the crew of a Japan Air Lines cargo plane.

The Japanese aviators spotted two belts of lights three miles ahead that hovered almost stationary, then shifted from side to side and rapidly pulsed across the sky.

Pilot Kenju Terauchi radioed Alaskan air controllers: "Most unexpectedly two space ships stopped in front of our face, shooting off lights. The inside cockpit shined brightly and I felt warm in the face." The objects sped off when another plane approached.

Three radar operators at Anchorage noted an unexplained image on their screens but later concluded it was "ghost reflections" of the JAL airplane.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration says it is "unable to support" the UFO sighting but also found no evidence to contradict the claim. The FAA now sells tape recordings of the JAL-control tower conversations for \$119 and can't keep up with demand. Undoubtedly we soon

will be deluged with books proclaiming yet another visit by extra-terrestrial beings.


Though I have never seen a UFO, I have talked to several people who have — among them President Jimmy Carter and a trustworthy newsman, Dave Goldsberry, of Wooster, Ohio.

Carter was with 10 Lions Club members in Michigan when they watched a strange blob of light cavort for several minutes. Shortly after his election, the president promised publicly to release "unsettling information" about UFOs obtained by the CIA. However, he clammed up and said nothing more.

My friend Goldsberry is adamant about what he and some 50 other persons saw parked in a field alongside a highway near Dayton, Ohio, one summer afternoon.

A crowd had gathered to watch for 15 minutes a silver saucer, 20 feet in diameter, no windows, opening or apertures. Gradually the craft rose vertically about 40 feet, hovered for a few seconds then shot away at incredible speed. It was out of sight in less than a minute.

It is worth noting that



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Dayton is the location of Wright-Patterson Air Field — the testing facility for Air Force experimental aircraft.

### UFOs real

In the face of this, and other evidence gathered over the years, I conclude UFOs are real, revolutionary American or Canadian vehicles.

Other evidence precludes visits by little green men from outer space.

Biologists know in detail the conditions necessary for "life" which they define as the ability to reproduce. First of all there must be an abundance of free carbon, hydrogen and oxygen — in various combinations with other elements — for these are the building blocks of all living things.

Astronomers view countless galaxies containing countless stars each surrounded by countless planets. Aside from the theological assertion that

God could create life on any or all of these cosmic specks, the laws of nature make intelligent life almost inevitable on millions of planets like ours.

Though intelligent life on other planets is probable, the same logic leading to that conclusion precludes any personal interplanetary contact.

The nearest star that might have life-supporting planets is four and a third light years away. Light travels at a speed of 186,000 miles per second, and a light year is the distance covered in one year.

Those who contend intelligent beings visit us from outer space bring them here in ships that travel at or near the speed of light. Einstein's theory of relativity holds that matter turns into energy, or light, as it moves at 186,000 miles a second. Thus, a space ship would dematerialize at the speed of light and scatter

into the universe as pure energy.

The fastest traveling objects in nature are meteors, but these celestial speed demons require centuries to make a trip wholly within our own solar system. In addition, at this speed meteors are worn away by friction with star light and chipped away by high-speed collisions with dust particles.

A space ship traveling at top meteoric speed would require a few thousand years to reach Earth from the nearest star and an equal amount of time to return.

### Travel useless

Even if we assume interplanetary visitors were immortal, a physical trip to Earth would be useless. There are no elemental compounds here that are not found in equal abundance in all other starry systems. Any scientific observations made of us would be outdated by many generations by the time the visitors got back home.

The closest contact we can ever expect with other-world beings is electromagnetic communication with several years between messages, or possibly unmanned probes guided to space destinations by several generations of scientists.

Flying saucers could be unmanned devices from other planets; but the timidity of UFOs, if intelligently guided, demonstrates a warped sense of curiosity that is great enough to launch a highly technical space ship yet fearful enough to avoid even mechanical contact with us.

The technical feats of saucers — hovering, exceptional speed and short turns — are well within existing capabilities of man. There is much less assault on reason in a man-made saucer, or in heretofore unobserved natural phenomena, than in strange people from outer space.

CLAYTON TODAY, Clayton, OK - April 2, 1987

## Tuskahoman sights UFO

Ray Martin of Tuskahoma sighted a UFO about 250 yards in front of his home in the Potato Hills last Friday.

Martin said, "I saw lights, nothing land or take off. Something, definitely. A structure of sorts with lights all around it, eight to 10 large floodlights. Probably 1,000 sq. ft. in diameter. Lit up an area about the size of a football field."

"I first saw it about 8:30 p.m. to about 10:30 p.m. It made no sound whatsoever."

Martin lives a couple of miles north of the Choctaw Council House in the Potato Hills.

"I called the Sheriff's office and Flagpole tower, to see if

anyone else had seen anything. The next morning a deputy came out and we checked the area, but we didn't find anything."

"At first, we thought it was the neighbor's lights, but that's impossible. There are some far away and we're familiar with those. It had a shape to it."

Clayton Today contacted Flagpole Tower. Rose Martin verified Martin had called and asked them if someone was at the tower possibly watching and may have seen something. He described what he saw to her and told her it had scared them. There were no fires in the area that night.

Pat Sharp, owner of Sharp's Pharmacy in Clayton, says that he has seen lights several times from his deck in the Potato Hills. No sound, these are bright, lighted objects. One hovered for two hours over the river while he and his wife and brother watched it. It made no sound and traveled from east to west and made 90 degree turns in seconds.

Sharp asked, "Who do you tell? Most people won't tell it. People will laugh at you." Sharp reports these are not planes. He is a pilot.

DEMOCRAT, Corydon, IN - April 1, 1987 CR: M. Anderson

## Our reporter sees some UFOs — really!

The call came about 10 p.m., not long after I'd gotten home from a commissioners' meeting in Corydon, donned my comfy robe and stretched out on the sofa.

"They're here," she said. Who? I wondered. The commissioners?

Shaking the cobwebs from my reporter's Monday-night, get-ready-for-tomorrow's-deadline brain, it struck me — UFOs! In New Middletown.

Mickey Shawler, a spunky, not-afraid-to-tell-it-like-it-is type, had promised to call if "they" paid her another nocturnal visit.

I could come see for myself that she wasn't crazy, she said.

So I grabbed my sweats from the dirty clothes basket, threw on a jacket and, because someone had hidden my Reeboks, slipped on my fuzzy red house shoes and ran out the front door.

Virgil, my helpmate, had already cranked up the Chevy, and was backing out the gravel driveway.

"Hurry," he said, "or they'll be gone before we get there."

We hit every pothole between our private lane and Shawler's place off the Corydon-New Middletown Road — a trip of about five miles.

"I can't believe we're doing this,"

### Jackie Carpenter



Virgil said. "Don't you dare tell anyone!"

(Sorry, hubby. I'm a reporter, and UFO stories don't land in my territory every day. That's not to say there haven't been stranger stories, but they were the down-on-earth variety.)

After passing up Mickey's house, we doubled back and finally found her, along with a couple of friends and Harrison County Police Officer Steve Hamm, standing on the porch, gazing up.

The star-studded night was clear, but nippy, with a strong wind. Planes zipped overhead, to and from Louisville's Standiford Field in the east.

Sure enough, there "they" were — and there were several. One hovered

in the northeast, rising above the treeline some 500 yards across a field. Hamm estimated they were about 12 miles away, in the vicinity of Lanesville.

Not knowing the actual size, it was difficult to judge the distance, he said.

One of the bright orange objects, glowing silently like a lightbulb, would grow dim and disappear, then reappear minutes later, either in the same spot or rising from behind the trees. At one time, it hovered as long as five minutes, about 200 yards above the treeline. At the same time, other, seemingly smaller lights, would appear nearby briefly or fly sideways — like a flash — to the south, either disappearing suddenly or after a brief stop.

"There has to be a reasonable explanation for this, but I sure can't figure out what it is," Virgil said. At first he thought they were airplanes in a holding pattern, but he discounted that theory because the activity of the recognizable ones was obvious. Sometimes a plane would fly over and the object would disappear, then return. Gas pockets in the atmosphere? Not seven nights in a row, surely. Secret Fort Knox maneuvers? Silent helicopters? Nothing fit.

Even Virgil, a no-nonsense fellow who avoids space flicks and other tall tales, admitted, after watching the goings-on for more than an hour, "Something is really weird here."

Well, I thought, if they would only land, I could get the interview to beat all interviews.

Now I was afraid they would leave. There was absolutely nothing frightening about the strange encounter. Rather, it was fascinating.

I was struck by the idea that, while we stood there gawking, "they" might be gawking back, not believing their eyes, and asking: "What could those things be? Look at those creatures moving around, silently, and that one in silly red shoes. How big do you think they are? Do you suppose there really is intelligent life on earth?"

"Nah — couldn't be. They don't even know how to glow."

But a few days later, my friend and colleague, John I. (Ish) Combs of The Crawford County Democrat, was quick to shoot down my theory.

He said, "If there was life on any other planet, we would've been sending them foreign aid by now."

OK, Combs. So where's the Iran-Contra missing millions? Mars?

# Villagers report a mysterious glowing UFO

Official agency explanations cite booster rockets and meteorites

By HAL BERNTON  
Daily News reporter

Shortly before midnight Tuesday, several dozen villagers from four Northwest Alaska communities reported seeing a glowing, haze-shrouded object flitting through the Arctic sky.

The reports from Elim, Gambell, Savoonga and Tununak were funneled to the Alaska National Guard by Eskimo scouts who live in the region. The reports describe an object bedecked with flickering lights that at times appeared to hover, then move rapidly across the sky.

Guard officials believe the mysterious object or objects were fragments of a satellite or other spacecraft re-entering the earth's atmosphere, said Mike Haller, a spokesman for the Alaska National Guard.

"Based on further evaluation of interviews with folks out there in those communities, we've pretty well concluded... that what was seen by the majority of people was some sort of re-entry (rocket) of some sort of space vehicle," Haller said. "Perhaps a booster (rocket)."

A spokesman for the U.S. Space Command, a Colorado-based government agency that tracks space debris, told United Press International Friday that no rockets or satellites fell to earth Tuesday night. But he said the object may well have been a meteorite.

"I'm not going to say with 100 percent surety that it is a meteorite, but that's my best estimate," said Doug Schamp, a Space Command spokesman.

The official explanations, however, are rejected by Marlin Paul, an Elim National Guard sergeant and Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race official. He reported spotting an unidentified flying object while manning a race checkpoint three miles outside his village.

Paul, who reported sighting the object at 11:56 p.m. Tuesday, described a blue-green globe. "It was basically shaped like an egg in a frying pan," he said. "The yolk part was spaceship and the white part of the yolk was a glowing cloud around the ship."

Paul, stationed at the checkpoint with his wife, said he first saw the object over hills northwest of town. It then moved straight above him. It stayed in sight for 15 minutes before disappearing in the southwestern skies, he said.

Paul said the object gave off a glow that bathed several miles of snow-covered tundra in a green light. He estimated the size of the object as bigger than a football field.

"A satellite isn't that big when it comes in," Paul said of the National Guard's explanation. "If it were a satellite, when it comes back to earth, it would disappear in a split-second. This hovered low over the hills, then it moved up, climbed and moved backwards."

Meteorites, he said, "don't stop in mid-air, then start moving. When a meteorite falls, it falls with a red tail. I know what a meteorite is and it falls fast."

Five other Elim residents, as well as Iditarod mushers Joe Runyan and Ted English, also reported seeing an unidentified object. Their descriptions of the objects varied.

Charlie Saccheus, Elim's postmaster, described a cylinder-shaped object with a bluish-green light flying at an altitude of about 5,000 to 7,000 feet. "It looked sort of like those space rockets," Saccheus said.

Further west, in Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island, a group of villagers spotted something in the sky as they gathered outside a local teen center.

"It was really a weird thing to see. It was just kind of glowing," said Leroy Seppilu, Savoonga's postmaster.

At first the object was partially obscured by a cloud, he said. Its glow turned the cloud green, he said.

"It started moving towards the southeast, speeded up and then rapidly disappeared," Seppilu said.

Other Savoonga residents described a bright round object bigger than a jet, according to National Guard reports. In Tununak, where the object was spotted at midnight, villagers described a bright white light resembling a satellite, part of which glowed, the National Guard said.

Earlier Tuesday evening, St. Lawrence Island villagers also reported seeing an unidentified jet leaving a vapor trail in the twilight sky.

George Seppilu, a Savoonga resident, said he spotted the jet at about 8:30 p.m. coming from the west. "It made three turns, and then headed towards the southwest, Seppilu said. "I saw the vapor trail."

U.S. Air Force jets were not in the area at that time, according to Frank Singleton, an Air Force spokesman.

"We did have flights earlier that day but nothing at that time," Singleton said. "I think if Soviet jets were buzzing that area, we certainly would have responded."

# It may be Venus, not UFO

United Press International

A rash of UFO sightings in Waukesha County and a sighting Thursday night near Janesville are probably just Venus and not visits from extraterrestrials, the director of the Center for UFO Studies said Friday.

But Donald Schmitt, a Milwaukee-based director for the Glenview, Ill., center, said sightings that have been reported near Belleville since Jan. 15 cannot be written off as planet sightings.

A spokeswoman for the Rock County Sheriff's Department said Friday a Janesville resident reported seeing a UFO just northwest of the city shortly before midnight on Thursday.

She said the object was described as egg-shaped with red, green and orange lights and that the caller said it appeared to hover in the sky.

"No report was made because when a deputy arrived he could see nothing," she said.

Schmitt said the Janesville sighting may have been a sighting of Venus.

"At this particular time, Venus is visible in the west and sometimes with refractions of the lights through the atmosphere, the planet itself appears to have lights on it," he said.



Many Waukesha residents have reported a variety of sightings to the west and although the reports of light colors vary, most can be explained as Venus, he said.

But the center continues to investigate sightings around Belleville on the Green-Dane county line.

"We have at least two dozen independent reports of the same type sighting and we have had continued sightings. We have explained away all natural sightings — the Goodyear blimp, National Guard operating aircraft at odd times — that sort of thing," Schmitt said.

The object, described in various sightings as cigar-shaped, was first seen as a series of lights by a Belleville police officer and a passenger riding with him. The officer described three intense red, white and blue lights to a Dane County dispatcher who then radioed the Federal Aviation Administration Tower in Aurora, Ill.

Schmitt said there is a record that Aurora reported the object as a "target" that is, something with enough substance to show up on a radar screen.

The most recent sighting, a little less than two weeks ago, was at twilight, by a couple who said a cigar-shaped object hovered in the area before disappearing, Schmitt said.

Another sighting, he said, involved a couple who stopped their car when they saw the object and heard a "whooshing" noise as it disappeared.

"Currently we are investigating a report on the most recent sighting that the man took pictures and they were blank. That is not unusual for pictures of UFOs. We'll be checking to make sure the film was not tampered with. It is very frustrating for the observer who thought he would have proof and then his pictures turn up blank," Schmitt said.

He said he and a team of observers will be at the Belleville site to try and obtain fixed coordinates, using all the reports, on where the object first appeared.

"These sightings we just can't explain away by anything natural. We haven't classified it as a UFO, but we are certainly close," Schmitt said.

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INTRUDERS:

The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods  
By Budd Hopkins  
Random House, \$17.95

# Aliens are on the prowl

## UFO author suspects a genetic-engineering plot

By Dennis Stacy

With novelist Whitley Strieber's recently published account of his alleged abduction by alien beings, "Communion," already making an appearance on national best-seller lists, no one should be startled to find a second new book treating the same subject, given publisher's penchants for bandwagons.

Literary incest in this case, however, is more than skin deep. In fact, the author of "Intruders," New York abstract artist Budd Hopkins, plays a major role in "Communion" as well. It was Hopkins, a specialist in UFO abduction cases, to whom "Communion" author Strieber turned for help when he thought he was losing his mind.

Hopkins arranged for Dr. Donald Klein of the New York State Psychiatric Center to serve as Strieber's hypnotherapist, and later introduced him to a small support group of "abductees" who claimed similar experiences — that they had been taken bodily aboard flying saucers against their will and there were subjected to physical examination. The two authors have subsequently suffered a falling out and are no longer on speaking terms.

Without choosing sides, what are terrestrial readers supposed to make of such cosmic shenanigans?

"Communion" author Strieber, in a style reminiscent of a space-age Carlos Castaneda, believes he was kidnapped by "visitors" who appear to share a hive-like mind. Though their origins and motives remained obscure, Strieber speculated that the extraterrestrial hive "seeks the very depth of the soul; it seeks communion."

Hopkins, on the other hand, be-



Budd Hopkins

lieves the aliens may have something more mundane and considerably less cerebral in mind. The case his book argues for UFOs and their mysterious occupants is that they are practicing a widespread program of genetic engineering aimed at human beings.

Focusing on a series of bizarre but apparently UFO-related events that befell several members of the "Davis" family of Indianapolis (virtually every case history Hopkins recounts is anonymous), "Intruders" relates the story of an alien conspiracy.

Hopkins offers a mountain of anecdotal testimony, mostly obtained under regressive hypnosis, that points to repeated extraterrestrial abductions of certain chosen individuals beginning in their childhood and continuing throughout their adult years. Unfortunately, the evidence Hopkins adduces is contaminated by the fact that much of this testimony springs

from vaguely remembered dreams (not to mention the hypnosis itself, which is notoriously problematic) — a plague that also plagues Strieber's book.

Still, the scenario Hopkins arrives at isn't quite so outlandish as it might be, given 1) our own present state of genetic engineering technology, with which we are already able to clone various organisms, and 2) the assumption that any intelligent life form capable of interstellar travel would be at least as proficient in such techniques as we are.

What Hopkins proposes, if you haven't guessed by now, is that our alienist visitors have been collecting samples of human sperm and ova for their own as-yet-unrevealed purposes. Male abductees Hopkins has talked to have reported instances of what amounts to extraterrestrial rape, while their female counterparts recall operations similar to both artificial insemination and laparoscopy — the extraction by tube of eggs from the ovaries.

In at least one instance, that of "Kathie Davis," the aliens supposedly impregnated her during the course of one abduction, then extracted the fetus before term in the course of another. She was later supposedly abducted yet again and allowed to see her female child, a hybrid of human and alien genes.

But we humans may yet have the last laugh. Two of the males Hopkins interviewed told him they had had vasectomies before their abductions.

Dennis Stacy is a San Antonio writer whose work has appeared in such magazines as OMNI and Smithsonian's Air & Space.

# Visitors stranger than fiction

By John Boudreau  
Staff writer

The diminutive figure peering into Whitley Strieber's darkened bedroom could have been a child.

But it had almond-shaped eyes and a black hairline mouth, which later formed into an "O".

Strieber says a strange sound emitting from his downstairs living room, a noise resembling a horde of people moving about quickly, had awakened him during the waning hours of Dec. 26, 1985.

They were what he calls the Visitors. And they had come for him.

He explains his abduction that night in a new book, "Communion" (William Morrow, \$17.95).

Strieber, 41, is the author of such thrillers as "The Hunger" and "The Wolfen." But he maintains his latest venture, a story about nocturnal visits by strange, superhuman creatures, is absolutely true.

"This isn't a horror story," he maintained during a telephone interview. "This is simply scary."

In "Communion," ranked No. 2 on the New York Times Bestsellers List, Strieber argues his case like a barrister, putting the lives of his family on the witness stand for the reader, his judge and jury.

He says the creatures tormented his household during the fall and winter of 1985 in their upstate New York cabin. His 8-year-old son complained about "a bunch of little doctors who took me out on the porch."

His wife was greatly disturbed by the visits, although she sensed rather than saw the Visitors.

Friends detected something odd one October evening when they spent the night in the Striebers' guest room. In the dead of night, they awoke to a bright light flowing from the living room. They thought it was mid-morning. Then

one of them heard the sound of little feet scurrying in their hosts' bedroom upstairs.

The encounters left Strieber an emotional wreck and on the verge of suicide. He thought he was going insane. It nearly crumbled his 18-year marriage.

He says the Visitors probed his

He eventually was released but he couldn't escape his jumbled, haunting memories.

Strieber turned to psychiatry, neurology and hypnosis for help, only to learn that what he had experienced was not caused by any known psychological or physical disorder.

**"This isn't a horror story. This is simply scary."**

— Whitley Strieber

life and body as though he were a petri dish specimen. At one point, Strieber says his fear was so great that "it seemed to make my personality completely evaporate."

During one of the abductions, a scaly measuring device was shoved up his rectum, an experience he likened to being raped. Among other painful pokings, a needle was inserted into his brain.

When he squirmed, a female Visitor, who he says smelled of cardboard, spoke to him in a Midwestern accent with an electronic overtone.

"What can we do to help you stop screaming?" she asked him.

Eventually, his anger and fear of the Visitors eased into an empathy for them. He says he now thinks of them in terms of "kinship."

Strieber says he decided to write "Communion" so those who have suffered similar experiences, and have been ridiculed for talking about them, will realize they are not alone.

But his usual publisher, Warner Books, politely declined to publish his manuscript. The company encouraged him to drop the idea and never to show the book to anyone else.

"They told me to hide it," he said.

Undaunted, Strieber tried to peddle his book to 13 other publishers. Ten rejected him flat. But three companies liked "Communion" so much that a bidding war erupted. Morrow won and agreed to pay \$1 million for the hard and soft cover rights.

Strieber says he rejected a \$750,000 offer for the movie rights to "Communion." He wants to write the script himself. He also plans to write a follow-up book, which will detail how the family was affected by the encounters, and how it grew spiritually.

When "Communion" first hit the bookstores last month, some of Strieber's friends dropped him.

"I've lost a few friends over it," he says. "I've taken a lot of grief for this. But I've also been paid \$1 million."

"If you're really an ideologue, you're going to find this threatening," he says of his book. "This is an area where left-wing ideologues and fundamentalists see eye to eye."

The visits sparked his interest in UFOs. Before the Visitors, he never had more than a passing interest in them.

He has discovered that since 1983, there had been thousands of strange sightings in the skies over the area where his cabin is located. Some of those UFOs had been described as being the size of aircraft carriers. Strieber says.

And one evening in late December 1986, when Strieber says he was abducted, a neighbor told him he saw something hovering over the road less than five miles from Strieber's house.

Still, the writer is not convinced that he was visited by beings from outer space.

"I would not say for certain that these Visitors are for real," he says. "God knows where they could be from."

Strieber did, however, ask the creatures where they hailed from.

"They said, 'everywhere,' suggesting they had been around for a long time," he said.

"They may be from within us," Strieber added. "If that's so, this is some extraordinary imaginative aspect of our human being."

The final visit came last December, when the Visitors took him to what appeared to be a neighboring cottage.

Strieber says he had meant to take his camera with him. But he grabbed his cat instead.

He says he told the Visitors, who knew about his book, that he wanted to rid himself of the fear he had of them.

"They said, 'We will help you, but it will be very difficult,'" Strieber recalled.

He refused to say what the creatures did for him, only that he no longer fears them.

When the 15-minute interlude ended, Strieber intended to go home and write about it, and telephone friends.

"The next thing I knew, it was morning," he said.

His wife knew something had happened.

"When she got up, she said, 'They were here,'" Strieber recalled.

His camera equipment is poised for yet another episode.

"If they ever come back to me, I will be perfectly happy," Strieber said, "and if they don't, I'll be perfectly happy with that."



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## Eerie lights stir UFO hunt in Glenwood

By DEBORAH FRAZIER  
Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

Mysterious lights sparkled briefly over Glenwood Springs this week, inspiring speculation about unidentified flying objects, northern lights and satellites.

Dozens of residents, including four police officers, spotted the bright, multicolored lights in the sky northwest of town both Monday and Wednesday night, Lt. Don Williams of the Glenwood Springs Police Department said yesterday.

"We've had a number of people calling in, including several police officers, reporting seeing strange lights about the size and brightness of a star," said Williams.

He said the lights, spotted above Storm King Mountain, varied in color from green to red to blue. They appeared about 11 p.m. and vanished within 30 minutes. "Everybody is going out at that time of night so they can see for themselves."

A police officer who studied the lights through a small telescope said the phenomenon could be solar reflections from stationary satellites, said Williams, but another officer using the same telescope said the lights looked more like headlights than stars.

Williams discounted speculations about the aurora borealis, the curtain of multicolored lights that is rarely visible in Colorado, because the lights were dots, not a sheet.

"We're not really speculating about what it is," said Williams, a UFO buff. "There's nothing I'd like more than to see a UFO, but I don't have a real strong feeling about this."

Officials at the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Boulder said they'd heard reports, but had no explanation.

"We don't have the mission or means of investigating that sort of thing," said Del Kindschi, a public affairs officer at NORAD. He said an Air Force study on UFOs ended in 1969, and there is no ongoing research.

Joe Allen, chief of the solar terrestrial physics division at NOAA, said the descriptions didn't match characteristics of the aurora borealis or solar reflections.

"I don't know of anything that could explain points of light hanging above the horizon in western Colorado," he said.

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## Award posted for story of proven UFO kidnappings

NEW YORK (UPI) — A person who claims to have been abducted by an unidentified flying object can earn a quick \$10,000 — if the kidnapping can be verified.

A private investigator challenges anyone to prove a kidnapping by extraterrestrial beings and, if convinced, says he will pay \$10,000 to the victim.

Philip Klass, a member of a group that debunks claims of the paranormal, said Thursday he was responding to two recently published books that detail alleged abductions of people by aliens from UFOs.

"I'm doing this because there is enough in this world to worry about without having to worry about a fantasy," he said in a telephone interview from his home in Washington, D.C.

One of the books, "Communion," an account by Whitley Strieber of his own alleged abduction by aliens, has reached No. 2 on bestseller lists.

The other, "Intruders," by Bud Hopkins, is a collection of accounts from people who claim creatures from UFOs subjected them to such indignities as rape and abortion.

Klass, who has investigated UFOs for years for the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, said none of the kidnappings reported in the books was ever reported to the FBI.

He said people who knowingly report spurious kidnappings to the FBI are subject to a \$10,000 fine and a five-year prison sentence.

Klass said he will give the \$10,000 award to anyone who reports an account of their own UFO kidnapping to the FBI and receives confirmation from the agency that the incident did occur.

"This is for a proven victim of UFO kidnapping only," Klass said. "I am not, repeat not, offering it to those who have been kicked in the head by Santa's reindeer."

# Flying Saucers

## Dudley Starr's models are not flights of fancy; they're real

By KEVIN HARDEN  
Post-Record Reporter

We are not alone, and Dudley Starr of Camas does not want us to be afraid of things we might see in the sky — especially if they are unidentified flying objects.

Starr thinks everyone should recognize a UFO when he or she sees one, so he has constructed several models of the strange crafts that might appear in the night sky as balls of shining lights, or during the day as swift, gleaming metallic spheres.

"I want people to become familiar with these crafts so they won't be at odds with themselves if they see one," Starr said. "I think that the more familiar we are with them then the less friction we'll have with what we've seen and what we think we've seen."

Starr has worked for several years on a half-dozen models of space craft he said could resemble things flying from planet to planet and secretly visiting earth.

And, on this the 40th anniversary of the first reported sighting of a "flying saucer," Starr hopes to use his models to "educate" the public about what it could — and might — see.

It was 40 years ago this June when a pilot flying his small plane near Washington's Mount Rainier saw what he later described as nine silvery metallic balls "skipping" across the sky at speeds estimated at 1,300 miles per hour, faster than any known craft could fly in 1947.

Pilot Kenneth Arnold, who later went on to be a state official in Idaho, saw the nine objects dancing across the sky near Mount Rainier June 24, 1947. Arnold radioed his discovery to the airport, and anxious reporters waiting for him at the airfield later wrote that Arnold described the UFOs' flying motion as similar to "stones or saucers skipping across water."

Thus was born the descriptive phrase "flying saucers."

Starr's models are examples of things he has read about in "hundreds of books" and numerous magazine articles on UFOs.

So far, Starr has only seen a handful of UFOs in western Oregon, Colorado and one in the Camas-Washougal area. His models are based on other people's descriptions and photographs published from places around the world where photographers happened to catch one of the fast-moving craft on film.

Starr said he saw his first UFO in 1967 as a student at Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. For the past 20 years Starr has studied books, pamphlets and magazines on UFOs to find out more about the crafts.

"I've seen several of them," Starr said. "To me they are the most natural thing in view of traveling interstellar distances. It's not unnatural to see something like this."

Interstellar travel? Scale models of UFOs? Is Starr serious? You better believe he is serious. So are thousands of other Americans who claim to see UFOs each year.

"Lots of people see crafts of all types each year, but very few make models of them," said

Gabriel Green, head of the 5,600-member Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America. "Back in the '50s there were some different sources of information and people were very interested. But I don't know very many people who make models of the crafts today. Most of them who do are pretty covert about it."

Green, who directs the Flying Saucer Clubs from his home in Yucca Valley, Calif., said Starr's models could be good things for people who were interested in the subject. Because public discussion of the issue has subsided, Green said it had lost much of its glamour, even though it continued to be a staple of sensational tabloid stories and science fiction movies.

"I believe that we are not alone in the universe," Starr said. "I think there is a need to be more aware of the type of structures involved (in space travel)."

Starr's models are unusual bowl-shaped things with dull, metallic hulls or silver-sculpted designs. Three of his most prominent models include such features as telescoping legs, plastic bubble domes, more than 200 small red lights and simulated magnetic propulsion engines.

One of Starr's models even includes a green-tinted lens on its bottom to simulate the reported green beam that often accompanies UFO sightings.

His "HCO 78.6" — a "standard" space cruiser — is about a foot in diameter and 10 inches high with three telescoping legs and a dome bubble on top.

Because of the model's simulated three magnetic field propulsion units on its bottom, the craft is named for Hans Christian Oersted (1777-1851) who discovered in 1819 that magnetic fields surrounded wires carrying electrical currents. Oersted also was the first to isolate aluminum.

Starr estimated that a real HCO 78.6 could be as large as two 747 jumbo jets.

Another space craft model, the Omega 940, is actually two silver serving trays soldered together and decorated with 222 tiny red lights and two tiny green lights. The Omega — estimated to be about 40 feet in diameter — is Starr's example of a Martian cruiser.

"They come in all shapes and sizes," Starr said. "I've read that they can be anything from a yard to a quarter of a kilometer in size."

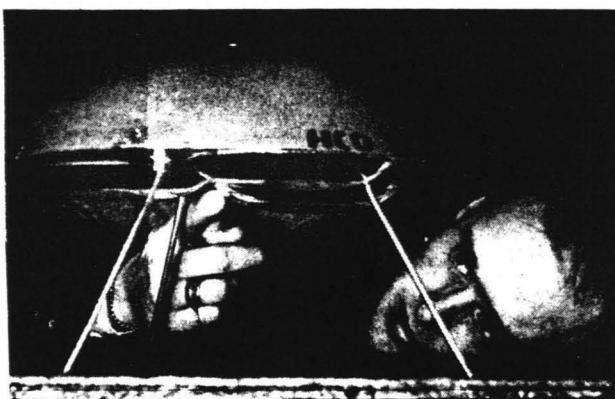
"There have been thousands of sightings and the most prominent is the saucer shaped metallic-type ship," said Green.

Making the models has taken several years and several hundred dollars, Starr said. Lights for the Martian cruiser cost about \$100. The silver serving trays that make up the ship's hull cost him about \$25 each.

"It's pretty much dependent on what parts you can find," he said. "When you're working on a very limited budget like I am you have to use what you can find."

Working on the models and keeping an eye on the sky for more UFOs sometimes can be tedious, Starr said, but it was worth the effort.

"You find yourself getting kind of space happy when you play



MODELS OF "flying saucers" show what some people could see — and have seen — in the sky. Dudley Starr of Camas constructed the models to show people that UFOs were real and should not be feared. Starr's models included a "Venutian cruiser" (above) that had telescoping legs, and a smaller space ship (left) with three simulated magnetic propulsion units constructed to its underside. POST photos by H.D. Collett

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## Alien visitors?

By Jon Van

COMMUNION. By Whitley Strieber. Beech Tree-Morrow. \$17.95. INTRUDERS. By Budd Hopkins. Random House. \$17.95.

Strangers from other planets seem to be rather like annoying relatives. They drop in unannounced, without invitation and usually at inconvenient times to make themselves at home without concern for their host's peace of mind.

This impression is derived from two new books from major publishers. It is possible another bout with flying saucers reminiscent of one spawned some years ago by the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" is on the horizon.

The books share content and style similarities much as do television situation comedies that spin off one another. Budd Hopkins, author of "Intruders," is a self-proclaimed UFO investigator who was called upon by Whitley Strieber, a writer of fictional horror tales, for help with Strieber's own odd encounters, described in "Communion."

Hopkins located therapists to hypnotize Strieber so he could relive encounters with other-worldly visitors. On most occasions, Hopkins participated in the questioning of Strieber while he was under hypnosis.

Strieber's book concentrates on his own personal experiences and makes passing references to similar stories from others. He spends a lot of time speculating about the meaning of these experiences. Hopkins' book focuses on the experiences of one woman, but also brings in stories from several others.

Hopkins and Strieber both criticize skeptics and both adopt a pseudo-documentary style that apparently is intended to persuade the reader that, fantastic as it may sound, Earthlings are visited repeatedly by short gray people with large scary eyes who travel in flying saucers. Both books are filled with meaningless detail, long verbatim rambling accounts by people who are hypnotized and extensive post-hypnotic narratives and analyses.

Skeptics who balk at the notion of flying saucers and little gray men are called closed-minded, while Strieber and Hopkins call themselves true skeptics who keep their minds open while seeking the real truth.

Yet even a cursory reading indicates that far from being a skeptic, Hopkins is a cheerleading advocate of spacemen and UFOs. In Hopkins' view, aliens visit humans so often that if they flew commercially instead of using flying saucers, they'd earn enough frequent flyer bonus points to go to China twice a week. Hopkins suggests to people seeking his advice that their troublesome nightmares aren't really dreams at all, but actually are real events their minds won't accept.

Strieber is less certain than Hopkins that the visitors are aliens from other planets, but he is convinced they are real and that they contact people to contact repeatedly. He ponders several alternative explanations of these beings, suggesting they may be fairies, ghosts, time travelers from the future or members of a large insect-like hive, something like tall termites, whose actions are governed by the aggregation rather than individually.

The visitors' behavior is difficult to fathom, even for UFO investiga-

tors. Like The Shadow from the old radio serial, these aliens have "the power to cloud men's minds," making people forget most of what happens during their visits. But not all. Why people remember some things from their encounters, why they have dreams and why sometimes the aliens neglect to wipe away memories is unknown. We are given a picture of creatures with vast intelligence and advanced technology who at times seem to be forgetful bumbblers and at other times unfeeling fiends.

In total, these books ask the reader to accept as fact a series of assertions that are fantastic on their face. For their arguments to persuade, the reader must accept on faith that these authors are honest, objective men who passionately seek the truth.

Most of the alien behavior as described in these books seems pointless. Who they are and what they want is a mystery.

These visitors could be remnants of a dying race trying to strengthen their genetic stock, as one visited woman in the Hopkins book suggests. Or maybe they realize they look funny being so bald, and they want their kids to have hair, according to theories of a mechanic in the Hopkins book who claims he had sex with an alien.

Whatever they are, the creatures portrayed in these two accounts and the humans they visit appear mostly as tedious oafs.

Their antics may be followed with less exertion and more enjoyment by scanning tabloid headlines while waiting in supermarket checkout lines. □

Jon Van is a Chicago Tribune science writer.

with these things after a while," he said. "But I'd love to get inside one and question the inhabitants about how it works."

# Keeping eye on sky

Mena resident seeks UFO sighting reports

By Lamar James  
GAZETTE STAFF

It has been 40 years since Kenneth Arnold, a private airplane pilot, saw an unknown object and coined the phrase "flying saucer," and it's been even longer since the prophet Ezekiel saw a "wheel within a wheel."

Since the Arnold sighting, there have been numerous sightings of those strange, pesky and sometimes playful objects that reportedly snatch up people from time to time, whiz around scaring the day-lights out of pilots, light up the night sky and radars and suck power from power plants and cars alike.

## Needs volunteers

The sightings have caught the interest of Edward F. Mazur, 65, a semiretired aerospace engineer who lives at Mena. Mazur joined the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) several years ago, and now he is Arkansas director. He said in a recent interview that he needs volunteers to investigate sightings or unusual occurrences that may be related.

MUFON is an international organization of researchers who track and research UFO sightings. Mazur said a "great many PhDs and highly qualified physicists and university professors who are extremely interested" in UFO phenomena are members.

## 'Sole interest'

"Our sole interest is in trying to get enough scientific talent on these things to collate [information] and \*\*\*get a better handle on it. Keep an open mind and keep searching seems to be the name of the game."

Mazur, an Ohio native, moved to Arkansas several years ago from Florida, where he worked for a defense firm. He was intrigued by Arkansas because another engineer, whose hobby was geology, told him Arkansas was a unique place "with strange geological formations and plant life. I always wanted a place in the country. I made one trip to Arkansas, and I said 'This is it.'"

## Mena 'fits us to a tee'

He said Mena "just fits us to a tee." His children were educated at the University of Arkansas — one is now an electronics engineer and the other raises horses.

Mazur said he does consulting work for electronics and lighting

systems, has written for technical publications and sells wood-burning stoves. He also is a ham radio operator.

## Suspects unreported sightings

He suspects there may be more UFO sightings in Arkansas than are being reported, and he encouraged persons to report incidents to authorities or his organization.

Mazur said he and his wife sighted a UFO in 1981 as they were driving near Hector (Pope County) north of Russellville. They saw a bright blue circular object about 12 feet in diameter flying less than 100 feet off the ground near the road. He said when he stopped, it veered off and wobbled as it sped away.

That wobble was a "giveaway," he said, adding that UFOs often wobble or sway because they are not on "a stable flight pattern."

UFOs are "not making the news as frequently and the sightings, particularly in this part of the world, have tapered off some" in recent years, Mazur said.

The UFO field has more theories than hard facts, but getting Mazur to venture a personal theory or opinion about UFOs is difficult.

Mazur is willing to go on the record about one thing, however.

"I've been an aerospace engineer in mainstream weapons systems,



Edward F. Mazur and his ham radio equipment.

and I can say categorically we don't have anything approaching the capability of the performance of some of these objects. Even the stealth bomber is a kiddie car compared to what these objects are reported to do."

He said encounters with UFOs — such as reports of abductions by aliens — are "good entertainment" and may "serve to cushion any future revelation that these things are genuine."

He said alien visitors, if that is what they are, are pretty unassuming and seem content to make

themselves known to the average guy who is not high enough up "in the social structure to carry any influence."

"If these things are not earthly, they have shown no sign of being hostile," he said.

"When you contemplate the universe, it's kind of mind boggling to begin with," he said. "Maybe we're not alone in this huge universe."

More information is available from Mazur at Route 3, Postoffice Box 302, Mena 71953, or by calling 394-5724.

## CURRENTS

By Jane Diehl

# Somewhere Out There

Does it give you solace to think we on Earth are being watched over by space beings? Maybe it just gives you pause. Or the heebie-jeebies.

Alice Pittman of Denver, for one, thinks they are out there. She hasn't had actually seen them herself, but she thinks in a matter of months everyone in the world will have seen a UFO—whether they realize it or not.

Pittman is a member of Antahkarana, a support group for people who have had UFO contacts and who are by Pittman's appraisal "loosely" connected with New Age thinking.

Pittman and other Antahkarans believe that space visitors are actively communicating with chosen Earthlings. Shades of Shirley MacLaine's *Out on a Lumb*. Because of our propensity to misuse nuclear energy, "The Space Command," as she refers to the space visitors, is here to keep us from blowing up our planet.

"They're here to warn us. If we were to blow our planet up, the ripple effect would be felt throughout other galaxies," says Pittman.

Ashtar, the head of Space Command, and other "space brothers and sisters" communicate through channelers. According to Pittman, the space visitors elect to channel through someone who is dedicated to helping mankind. As an example, she mentions that one of the more well known channelers is an otherwise unremarkable little old lady from Salt Lake City named Tuella.

Channelers come in three varieties—trans- or trance-channelers, whose bodies are literally taken over, and two types that involve the host being conscious and merely sharing energy with the guest speaker, so to speak.

One type of conscious channeler—Pittman herself is one—is aware that words are coming out of his or her mouth, but is unaware of what is being said. The other variety of conscious channeler, according to Pittman, is aware of what is coming out of his or her mouth to the extent of being able to monitor what is being said.

Pittman has been channeling since she was a child. It took years before she was able to figure out who "the guys" were. "The guys," Pittman's

name for the voices in her head, don't direct her or order her to do things, she insists, but have discussions that eventually turn out to be helpful. The difference between her guys and voices heard by some mentally ill persons, she thinks, is that the mentally ill aren't able to use the information to help other people and they may not be dealing with third dimensional reality.

As far-out as her theories are, Pittman comes across like someone who does have a grasp on reality, third-dimensional or otherwise. She is down to earth and possesses a good sense of humor.

In any case, space visitors apparently are more likely to be heard than seen. The fact that they are seen by some and not others causes some discomfit among believers. "We all go through a lot of personal anxiety over not being allowed to see one," says Pittman. "Our tendency is to blame ourselves: aren't we believing enough?"

On the other hand, the Space Command says not everyone needs to see them. They reveal themselves, not at random, says Pittman, but to make a point.

Besides, it is entirely possible that the less enlightened among us have had UFO contacts without being consciously aware that we have been contacted, Pittman and others believe.

Even if we don't realize we've had a UFO contact, though, there are telltale signs. Somewhere along the line, once it happens, our lives begin changing for the better, Pittman says. We start feeling different about life—our reading material changes and we feel a deepening need to help humanity.

It's easy to scoff, but Pittman says believers are more mainstream than we might think. She says tests performed on people who have had UFO contacts reveal that they are above average in intelligence, are broad-minded and competent.

The tests might also have revealed that people who have had UFO contacts are more imaginative. Or, whether its moonbeams or star dwellers, that they have a fundamental need to believe that someone or something is out there on the trip with us.

HERALD-NEWS, Hodgenville, KY - April 30, 1987

# County residents say UFO visits Mt. Sherman area

by Bob McDonald

Imagine! You are returning home one evening. It's late, about 11:00 p.m. You get out of the car and, for some reason, look at the sky. There before you is a very bright light shining through the clouds.

Could it be a UFO?

That's what Norman and Margaret Skaggs are wondering because that's what happened to them several weeks ago.

"It was like a spotlight setting in the clouds," Margaret explained. She said she and her husband have seen the strange light on four different occasions, always in the same location, in the clouds toward Greensburg or Campbellville and away from their home near Mt. Sherman.

Margaret said she has no idea just how large the object may be. "You can't see nothing but the light," she explained.

The Skaggses say no noise can be heard and after watching the light for a long time a slight movement

can be detected.

Other sightings of UFOs sometimes report a swift movement of the mysterious object. Not so with the light sighted by the Skaggses.

In the past several weeks, people never Corydon, Indiana, have reported seeing unidentified flying objects. Margaret Skaggs said those reports came after the first incident that involved her and her husband.

Margaret Skaggs said she had given little thought to visitors from outer space. But she added, "I believe it (the light) is."

Margaret Skaggs does baby sitting and her husband does farm work.

The Skaggses would be interested in hearing from other people who may have seen the light in the sky near Mt. Sherman.

"There's no color," said Margaret. "It's just like a car headlight."

That may be what it looks like. But we haven't seen too many flying cars recently.

# UFOs or what? Parkway lights a mystery

By Lee Mueller

Eastern Kentucky bureau

ROSSLYN — The night sky over the broad Red River valley was clear again last Wednesday night, inky black and speckled with stars.

Bill Hobbs watched, but the stars stood still. "Every night it's clear, I look," he said.

Three months ago, Hobbs reported seeing a possible UFO here — an event that briefly propelled him and this tiny Powell County community into the news.

On a crystalline evening in early January, about 20 people gathered near Hobbs' red brick home on Ky. 15, two miles east of Stanton, to observe flashing objects in the southern sky. What they saw, some said, were bright stars. What Hobbs had seen, he

"Everybody got to deviling me so much about it, I began telling them I didn't see anything. They worried me to death in town for a while."

— Bill Hobbs

said, moved and flashed and exploded.

"This was definitely something besides a star," Hobbs said.

Whatever it was, the report of an unidentified flying object was the third in six months along a 10-mile stretch of the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway in Perry County, from Rosslyn to Slade.

The first sighting was reported

July 6 at Natural Bridge State Resort Park, near Slade, said Anne Albin, a professional folk singer who lives in Powell County and serves as a field reporter for Mutual UFO Network. MUFON is a private international organization that investigates and catalogs UFO reports.

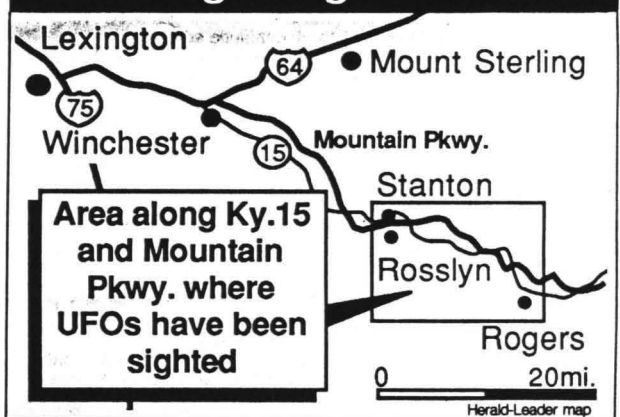
The second occurred July 23 on the parkway, about two miles east of Slade, she said.

Three weeks later, on Aug. 12, a mysterious flash of light and an explosion in Clark County — Powell County's neighbor to the west — ignited speculation about a UFO. The cause of the flash and explosion was never determined.

Still, nobody in Powell County seems ready to declare this section of the Mountain Parkway a kind of UFO Alley in Kentucky. In fact, most residents remain skeptical.

Lawrence Ledford, 70, who operates a bait shop at Slade, said he had identified about the only flying objects he's seen lately — the turkey buzzards that roost nearby

## UFO sightings



on Slade Hill, overlooking Dead Man's Curve on the parkway.

"Some way or another, I can't believe in stuff like that," Ledford said.

Similarly, Sheriff Jimmy Tipton said, "I've never seen anything and I'm out a lot on that parkway at night myself."

The pollution-free skies of Powell County are among the clearest in the country, said Thomas Boone, a University of Louisville astronomer. But Boone said he thought Rosslyn residents probably were looking at Sirius, the Dog Star.

The succession of sightings in the area is difficult to explain, said Burt Monroe, the state director of MUFON, "but they tend to appear over a long period of time in the same place."

"Whatever produces these lights tends to produce them in batches."

Monroe, chairman of U of L's biology department, said "something's been going on in the Cumberland Plateau for years and years."

About four or five years ago, carloads of people were traveling to a ridge in Estill County to "watch lights dance around," he said. Before that, there was a widely publicized "abduction case" in Lincoln County, he said.

Abduction cases are characterized by a time loss after seeing an object, Monroe said. Under hypnosis, people usually recall being taken aboard a craft and undergoing tests, he said.

"One of the classic cases of all time happened in Hustonville," Monroe said.

In January 1976, three Lincoln County women said a UFO hovered above their car, took control of it "and then they had an hour-and-20-minute time lapse," Monroe said.

"Something's been going on in the Cumberland Plateau for years and years."

— Burt Monroe

roe said. "The next thing they knew, they were driving in Hustonville."

The women passed lie detector tests and, under hypnosis, remembered seeing purported aliens and communicating with them, he said.

"All their stories jibed," Monroe said. "All had little 1-inch by 3-inch marks on their necks, like the skin had been burned. They healed over in a few weeks."

In recent years, however, UFO sightings in the region generally have been limited to lights, Monroe said. He cited a flurry of recent reports from Corydon, Ind.

Last summer, Slade artist Al Cornette was visiting friends in a Natural Bridge State Resort Park cottage when he heard a noise that sounded like "a diesel engine about to blow up," Mrs. Albin said.

Outside, he saw a diamond-

shaped configuration of lights moving at an odd angle against a cloud cover. Cornette assumed they were attached to a plane. But from a distance of about 500 feet he could see "no outline of the object the lights were attached to," Mrs. Albin wrote in a report.

She said Cornette is an Army veteran who had observed Army aircraft many times.

Two weeks later, three Lees College students and an employee at the Jackson college were on their way home from Lexington at 9:30 p.m. when they stopped their car near the parkway's 31-mile post.

When one of the students got out of the car, the college employee said, she glanced up and noticed something drifting, like a hang glider, in the sky.

Then two parallel rows of lights — six in each row, one all blue, one all red — descended noiselessly and stopped directly over the parkway median, she said, about 20 feet off the ground.

The space between the lights was empty, she said, and neither she nor a student could see anything connecting them. "There was no form, just lights," she said.

The woman said she felt as if the object "didn't want me there and that I was to get away from it."

Frightened, the woman hurried her companion back into the car and quickly drove away, passing within 10 feet of the object. When the driver looked back through her rear-view mirror, the object had disappeared, she said.

Although she cooperated with Mrs. Albin, the woman asked not to be identified.

"There's a stigma attached to" people who claim to have seen UFOs, she said last week.

Hobbs, 55, a disabled Army veteran, agreed.

After news accounts of his Rosslyn sighting, the men at a garage next door kidded him about seeing "little green men," Hobbs said, and friends in Stanton had similar responses.

Mrs. Albin, described by Sheriff Tipton as "a respected and responsible person," said UFO sightings probably occurred more often than they are reported.

One of 15 or 20 people in Kentucky who report sightings to MUFON, Mrs. Albin said she encountered similar skepticism when she visited news offices and law enforcement officers and asked them to notify her if they received UFO reports.

"People kind of smirked behind their hands a lot and said, 'Well, Miss Albin, if anything happens, we'll be sure to let you know,'" she said, smiling.

Monroe said he had been tracking UFO reports for 15 years. Some reports are easily dismissed, he said. Some are not.

"The reports are consistently coming from people who are reputable," Monroe said. "Something's going on. That's what's kept me interested."

WOLFE CO. NEWS, Campton, KY - March 20, 1987

## U.F.O.s (As It Was Told To Me)

"The first time I ever saw something up in the elements was in the fall of 1940. It must have been in late September or early October because the leaves had fallen from the trees and were all fluffy on the ground in the woods. On the ridge across from our house there were a lot of chestnut oak trees and the leaves were deep on the ground there. One night about 10:00 o'clock I walked out on the porch and, like always, I looked into the elements and there was a big ball of fire in the elements, as big as a water bucket. It traveled across our field and house and fell in the woods on the ridge where all the dry chestnut leaves were.

"Now when it hit, there was sparklers flying all over in all directions and I thought the woods would catch afire for sure. But it didn't and everything went black.

"The next day I walked over there where the thing had hit, that old big ball of fire. There wasn't any scorched leaves or anything. It was just before my seventh child was born and I never told my husband or anyone what I had seen because I thought they would just laugh at me. Now it doesn't make any difference because I saw something else in the elements last Thursday night.

"It was about 10:15 p.m. and I was fixing for bed. I walked over to my window and looked into the elements as I have done all my life and there was a whole group of lights, red, orange, blue, and all colors, just like Christmas lights. It was about as big as a truck bed and moving to the west like the other one, these lights wasn't blinking or going on and off like some people say; just a big group of lights going over.

"They didn't hit our ridge as before. They just kept on going. I'm telling you this now for this is what I saw on Tar Ridge in Wolfe County." (EDITOR'S NOTE: The U.F.O. that was reported seen on Stillwater some four weeks ago has turned out to be an I.F.O. (identified flying object). The News has learned that a resident of the Stillwater community fired a military type observation flare that night. This type of flare is fired over the area to be observed and will light up the whole countryside for rescue or surveillance. We wish all U.F.O.s were this easily explained. — J.B.S.)

POST, New York, NY - May 6, 1987

## Stars wanted for UFO campaign

FEW, if any, celebrities can match Shirley MacLaine when it comes to cosmic excursions, but a lot of them have seen mysterious objects in the heavens. So Mike Luckman, director of the New York Center for UFO Research, is trying to interest a galaxy of earthly stars in a national UFO awareness effort: "We're trying to recruit these people for a mass movement along the lines of the anti-war movement of the '60s to help pressure the government to reveal what is known about UFOs. We know there are thousands of documents about UFOs that the government has not released." Luckman and his network of believers have compiled an impressive list. For example, Barry Goldwater, an Air Force-trained pilot, has had a number of sightings, and for years tried to get access to legendary Hangar 18 at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, where the wreckage of an alien spacecraft and the bodies of "the little men," i.e., alien astronauts, were supposedly being studied. His efforts were spurned and he was told that clearance on the issue was higher than top secret. Or take Jimmy Carter, who, when he was governor of Georgia, had a sighting and filed a report on it. John Lennon tried to photograph a UFO from his apartment at the Dakota. Muhammad Ali has had over 20 sightings, including one in Central Park while he was jogging. Dennis Weaver is operating a UFO hotline in Los Angeles. Jackie Gleason is so keen on UFOs that he calls the circular house he had built years ago in Peekskill "the mother ship" and his circular garage "the scout ship." These days you're practically out of it if you haven't seen a UFO.



## Teatime visitor

ALL those who still don't believe in flying saucers — stand in the corner.

Here's one, for sure — well, almost sure — drifting one recent teatime over Rosedale in Gippsland (V).

Brett Hallam, of Hawthorn, happened to be visiting friends in town and was washing his car when the strange apparition appeared in the sky and caught his attention. As he is studying at the Melbourne School of Photography Brett always has his camera at the ready and took the picture.

Of course, it's a freak cloud formation and disappeared in about 30 minutes. But curiously enough it was not far from this spot that much more real evidence of a UFO was noted a few years ago, when a ring of scorched grass was visible after a sighting.



WESTERN MORNING NEWS, Plymouth, England - April 21, 1987 CR: T. Good

## Hotline link for UFO spotters

by PHILIP SHERWELL

THE Tibetans call them pearls in the sky and the Bible talks of chariots of fire. We know them by the somewhat less prosaic name of flying saucers.

The name itself implies a certain degree of scepticism in their existence and it is this attitude that the Aetherius Society is battling to overcome.

The latest move by these flying saucer lobbyists is the installation of a UFO telephone hotline — the number is 01 731 1094.

"For years people reporting sightings to the authorities have been made to feel foolish by

the totally ludicrous explanations they have been given," says Dr. Richard Lawrence, the full-time secretary of the society in Europe.

"The hotline offers these people the chance of being taken seriously."

The Westcountry has always been a good source of sightings and two UFO reports from Devon and Cornwall have already come in since the hotline service was introduced earlier this month.

One couple spotted two UFOs at Seaton. One of the objects was a very bright orange light which appeared immense and hovered low in the sky for about five minutes

before blinking out. Then a red light flew past at an estimated 300-400 mph.

At St. Breock an Essex holidaymaker saw a cigar-shaped UFO shoot past at a "phenomenal" speed before suddenly disappearing. The Aetherians believe the cigar-shaped craft are the mother ships from which the saucers emerge.

It is the ability of extraterrestrial objects to "blink out," travel faster than the speed of light, in flight paths that no known phenomena can repeat, that Dr. Lawrence says makes standard Ministry of Defence explanations ridiculous.

The Aetherians travel

to Devon each year to visit Holdstone Down, near Combe Martin, which they regard as a holy mountain. This annual pilgrimage attracts enthusiasts from all over the world.

Dr. Lawrence, who has had sightings himself at Holdstone Down and Bude, believes flying saucer activity in the region ties in with its history of mysticism.

"Significant magnetic forces are at play in certain parts of the earth and the Westcountry is one of them. These forces are of great importance," he claims.

But that's another story.

## County claims 75 UFO reports

Yorkshire Post Reporter

SIGHTINGS of Unidentified Flying Objects are far more common in Yorkshire than other parts of the country, it was claimed at the weekend.

Britain's leading UFO researcher, Mr Timothy Good, told a conference of the Yorkshire UFO Society in Leeds on Saturday that there had been 75 sightings in the county in the last year.

The national body had received only 13 reports of UFOs, but Mr Good was unable to explain why Yorkshire appeared to arouse so much interest from what appeared to be visitors from other planets.

"It could just be that Yorkshire has a bigger proportion of interested people than anywhere else — and that they are not frightened to tell of what they see."

In spite of the large number of sightings in the county, Mr Good believes many more UFOs go unreported.

"I estimate that for every incident reported, another nine are not spoken of for fear of ridicule. I would urge anyone who sees anything strange to get in touch with the Yorkshire UFO Society."

Mr Good is the author of a book, *Above Top Secret*, to be published on July 9, in which he claims there is a worldwide government cover-up on UFOs.

More than 130 people, including UFO researchers and investigators, attended the conference.

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# Close encounters of bureaucratic kind

HUNDREDS of reports of UFO sightings have been destroyed by the Ministry of Defence, it was revealed today.

The records were due to be released under the 25-year-rule. But a spokeswoman said: "I believe documents from the 1950s and early 1960s have been destroyed."

Members of the Aetherius Society — an international body believing in the existence of UFOs — are convinced the Ministry has been covering up the extent of flying saucer activity and has deliberately scrapped the records just before public release.

"The 25-year rule would have forced the Ministry to show us records we've been pressing to see for years," said society spokesman Dr John Holder.

"We want Mrs Thatcher and the MoD to release their files so we can investigate their findings."

Now the Society is to be call on the Government to come clean about visitors from other planets at a public meeting in Kensington tomorrow.

### Liar

"We have a taped interview with a Ministry official proving that there were some humdinger sightings during the 1950s and 60s," said Dr Holder.

"The MoD said previously that UFOs did not exist. But they are liars."

The MoD spokesman said her Ministry's duty was to defend Britain and her Nato allies.

By NICK NUTTALL

"We do not believe flying saucers pose a threat to Britain's security," she added.

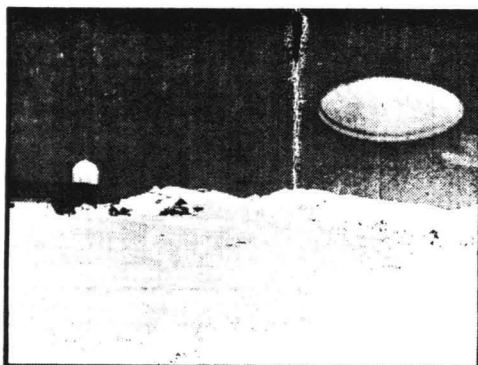
The public meeting on Friday — at 8pm in Kensington Library — will be presenting new facts and figures from the United States, which has freedom of information legislation forcing civil servants to reveal files.

Dr Holder said: "We have documents from the FBI, CIA, National Security Agency and Airforce Intelligence.

### Release

"These organisations have HAD to release their records."

He believes the weight of information not only proves that governments accept that UFOs



A flying saucer ... or a crank's fake?

exist, but should spur Britain to give its people the true facts.

"NORAD — the North American Aerospace Defence Command — admits that 10 million uncorrelated sightings have been collected by their personnel over the last 20 years," said Dr Holder.

He also says he has evidence from the United States Airforce Academy which concludes: "From available information,

the UFO phenomenon appears to have been global in nature for about 50,000 years.

"This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of aliens visiting the planet or at least of alien controlled objects."

### Aliens

Dr Holder said he would also be telling Friday's meeting about America's bizarre legal policy on contact with aliens.

"Dr Brian Clifford of the Pentagon has said that contact between US citizens and extraterrestrials or their vehicles is strictly illegal."

"According to Law 14 of the Code of Federal Regulation, anyone guilty of such contact is automatically subject to a year in prison or a \$5,000 fine."

During the last few weeks, as a build-up to the meeting, Dr Holder's society has been running a UFO hotline.

Since its launch more than 200 sightings have been reported, with over a dozen in the past week alone.

### Hotline

"The line has been red hot. We have three phones and they have been permanently engaged."

The most recent London sighting was early last Saturday morning at Whitechapel.

Electrical engineer Martin Spencer, 24, saw "three to five white objects 400 feet above the ground."

"He said they looked like upside down saucers. They were flying in V-formation, in a straight line, at phenomenal speed. They gave out no sound," said Dr Holder.

## Where have all the UFOs gone?

NO earthly experience, it seems, is too bizarre for those doomed Colbys but Stockport UFO researcher Jenny Randles is partly to blame for poor Fallon's next, and most extraordinary, escapade.

The TV soapstress, I hear, is soon to be abducted by aliens and medically examined aboard their craft — a little bit of nonsense inspired by horror fiction writer *Whitley Strieber*, whose memories of his own kidnap by "spacemen" were miraculously triggered off by one of Randles' books.

But prolific paranormal expert Randles, whose new book, *The UFO Conspiracy*, just out, is more concerned with weightier matters like the Korean jumbo jet, shot down by the Russians in 1983, and the Risley man who died of multiple cancers after being trapped in a UFO's beam.

The Soviets, she says, may have mistaken the jet for a UFO — one had passed through the same top secret zone a short while before — but otherwise things are not too rosy for zealous saucer-spotters of her ilk.

"There has been an almost total disappearance of sightings since 1977," moans Randles.

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# UFO SIGHTING GAVE RIKKI IDEA FOR SONG FOR EUROPE



Rikki Peebles.

## SINGING CABBIE TESTED OUT SONGS ON HIS PASSENGERS

WHEN Rikki Peebles steps out in Brussels this Saturday, May 9, to sing Britain's entry in the Eurovision Song Contest, the audience will be somewhat larger than that which was present the first time the song got a try-out.

Tens of millions of TV viewers throughout Europe will settle down to give their personal verdict on Rikki's "Only The Light"—but like his other numbers it got its first airing in a Glasgow taxi!

Rikki used to be a cabbie and sang snatches of his latest ditty to his fares to get their opinion.

"They were always really honest," Rikki told The Weekly News. "If they didn't like it they soon let me know!"

### Overnight success

The notion of a singing cabbie just waiting for his big break sounds like it could have come straight from a Hollywood musical. In Rikki's case it's a dream come true.

Rikki, from Tollcross in Glasgow, spent 12 long years waiting for the overnight success which has now come his way.

"I've been around on the scene for a long time and really wanting to hang on, I had to make ends meet," explained Rikki, who's 31.

**Taxi driver Rikki was out late one night when he saw "amazing light in the sky"**

"Driving a taxi was ideal as it let me be my own boss so I could be free when I needed to be for recordings and the like.

"It was also great for meeting people and getting inspiration. Frequently I'd be driving along or waiting for a fare when an idea for a song would come to me.

"If I didn't do something about it there and then I knew I'd forget so I'd hum it to myself and scribble it down so I could get it on tape when I got home. That's how I'd end up trying little bits of my songs out on people."

### Giant beam

It was an experience while driving the taxi in and around Glasgow which gave Rikki the idea for "Only The Light"—an experience which shook him to the core—a UFO sighting.

"I was stopped at a set of traffic lights one snowy winter's night when I looked up and saw this amazing

light in the sky," continued Rikki.

"It was very late and there was about five inches of snow on the ground so it was quiet and at first I thought my eyes were playing tricks.

"But it was as clear as can be. It was massive and as the sky was clear I watched it move right across until it disappeared over the horizon.

"The best way I can describe it is like a giant torch beam. It was the weirdest thing I have ever seen in my life and it naturally gave me quite a shock.

"It stuck in my mind and

that's where the title for the song came from."

Some 2000 entries flooded in for this year's Song for Europe, for the first time many coming from record companies rather than from songwriters who'd pen a song then get together an act just for Eurovision.

### Drained

Finally these were whittled down to just 10 who battled it out "live" on a "Wogan" show.

"That was really nerve-racking," admitted Rikki. "Not so much performing the number, but the voting. When I was announced as the winner I was so drained from the tension I could barely take it in."

"But delighted as I was, the biggest joy was in winning for my wife Agnes and my family back home in Glasgow. They were the ones who'd supported me all the way and they were the ones who really deserved it."

# INVESTIGATION into Whitehall's secret dossier UFO COVER-UP

SUNDAY MIRROR, London, England  
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**D**EFENCE chiefs have been accused of keeping secret startling evidence of UFO sightings.

Two new books contain astonishing allegations of a Whitehall cover-up.

And the claims have been supported by a former Chief of Staff at the Defence Ministry, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton.

By **ANDREW EDWARDS and RICHARD BRECKER**

Jenny Randles, author of *The UFO Conspiracy*, said: "The ministry is frightened of telling the public the truth because they fear there will be panic."

"But I'm sure people would rather be told the facts than be deceived."

"We aren't talking about little green men jumping out of space ships."

"We are talking about

serious evidence which points towards a UFO phenomenon which must be investigated."

The ministry has, locked away in its files, over 3,000 UFO reports, collected over the past 25 years.

In 1982, the MoD announced it was about to publish the reports, but 18 months later the decision was suddenly reversed.

A letter from the ministry to Jenny claimed: "We receive hundreds of these reports each year and to prepare them for publication would involve a great deal of editorial work, for which we have neither the money nor the staff."

Speaking at her home in Cheadle Heath, Greater Manchester, Jenny said: "That is complete garbage."

"The fact is that they are onto a subject which alarms them. They haven't got a clue what they are dealing with

and what to do about it."

A second book on the UFO mystery, *Above Top Secret*, by Timothy Good, has the official backing of Lord Hill-Norton—he has written the book's foreword.

Among the book's mass of evidence is the puzzling story of three people interviewed about UFO sightings by men claiming to be intelligence officers from the MoD.

Timothy said: "They were interviewed for up to two hours each, told they had seen UFOs and ordered to keep what they were told from the press."

"Now the MoD denies anyone ever went to see them."

Senior Whitehall



Lord Hill-Norton

spokesman Mike Stewart denied any cover-up. "The sole interest of the MoD in UFO reports is whether they are of a defence interest," he said.

"There is nothing sinister and there is nothing to hide. Quite simply the MoD has more important matters to deal with."

## HOTLINE TAKES UFO CALLS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

A NEW hotline has been inundated by calls since it was set up a few weeks ago for members of the public to report sightings of UFOs.

The organisers have been staggered at the public response and as a result have now decided to keep it open indefinitely.

The calls come from all over the country, and even France, from people from all walks of life, including radar operators, pilots, members of the RAF, firemen and policemen.

"Both the number of calls and the quality of the sightings has taken us by surprise," said Christine Aubry, co-ordinator of the hotline project, set up by the Aetherius Society.

"We realised that no one had anywhere to report sight-

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ings, so we set up the hotline."

"Some callers had reported what they saw to the authorities, but others hadn't told a soul. Some had kept their secret for years, and found it a relief just to talk to someone about it."

One caller told them about the time he was working as a radar operator on an RAF base in Hampshire in 1958.

### Visual contact

He spotted a signal on the radar about 100 miles off the coast of England but knew of no air traffic in the area at the time.

Two planes were despatched to check it out and got close enough to make visual contact with the craft before it shot off at an incredible speed.

The society who have been investigating UFOs for over 30 years now, collate all the information they receive and have already established that two craft are most commonly described in the sightings.

The first is a saucer-shaped craft, with portholes, the other a cigar-shaped vessel, known by experts as a mother ship.

The UFO hotline is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. on 01-731-1094.

CR: T. Good

## Defence supremo kept in the dark

AS Chief of Staff between 1971-73, Lord Hill-Norton held the defence of the nation in his hands.

Yet even this man of unquestionable loyalty did not have access to Britain's UFO secrets.

"Without a shadow of a doubt British Governments have quite deliberately concealed information about UFOs," he said.

"I don't think cover-up is too emotive a word,

because the facts speak for themselves."

Lord Hill-Norton, a former chairman of NATO's defence committee, added: "We're talking about reports from people whose evidence on any other subject would be accepted without question."

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# 'Bed trailer' glowed eerily in the sky

By Suzanne Soto  
The Canadian Press

WINNIPEG — Marie Melnick remembers it was somewhere between midnight and 1 a.m. on a cold, cloudy January night earlier this year when she saw something in the sky she still can't explain.

The retired school teacher from Great Falls, Man., was out walking her German shepherd dog, Tammy, as she usually does in the evenings, when suddenly the dog became frightened.

"I'd never seen her react that way to anything. She didn't make a sound and her ears were standing up very long and very noticeable," Melnick said in a telephone interview.

What terrified Tammy was a bright light accompanied by what Melnick describes as a peculiar whining sound.

"As it came closer I could distinguish there were four bulbs, green, which cast an eerie glow for about the length of a bed trailer," she says.

But it wasn't a bed trailer because, Melnick says, it flew away over a nearby farmer's field leaving no traces on the soft snow.

The incident left Melnick so perplexed that the next day she contacted the Centre for UFO Studies which operates out of the planetarium at the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature in Winnipeg.

The centre, founded by Ed Barker, the planetarium's art director and production manager, has examined and documented hundreds of cases like Melnick's since it became operational in 1975.

Barker, an artist, photographer, designer and ex-pilot, has been with the planetarium since 1967. He says despite his interest in UFOs and his research on sightings, he still counts himself among the skeptics.

"It's important that you keep an open mind and a very skeptical mind because you can be so easily seduced and led astray by the subject," he says.

Barker's office and telephone at the planetarium serve as the centre's headquarters. He explains that all the work he and two others, one a planetarium employee and the other a retired museum worker, put into the centre is strictly voluntary.

"It's a study group. We don't have memberships or anything like that," he says.

The centre receives an average of two to five calls a week from people who think they have seen an unidentified flying object.

Barker says unlike Melnick's experience, most of the reported sightings turn out to be logically explained events. Low-flying planes, weather balloons, and natural phenomena such as falling meteors and lightning are commonly mistaken for UFOs.

"I maintain that I can explain roughly 95 to 98 per cent of the sightings. A very small percentage comes in that we can't explain," he says.

Those events that can't be explained are the most fascinating, Melnick says. The most interesting and important unexplained UFO case still remains the Steve Michalak case which occurred 20 years ago.

Michalak, a 60-year-old hobby geologist at the time, had been prospecting near Falcon Lake, Man., when he saw two low-flying objects.

One of them landed and Michalak, who is now 80 and still a resident of Winnipeg, says he tried to communicate with whatever it was. Suddenly, however, the object shot off into the sky, spewing hot gasses over

Michalak and burning his chest and legs. He still has the scars on his legs.

Since the incident, Michalak has shied away from publicity. Holding the tattered and burned white shirt he wore that day, he says he's been accused of being drunk and worse.

Barker says a common misconception is that those who say they've seen UFOs are crazy, liars or both. However, most people reporting sightings are quite normal and sincere in what they believe.

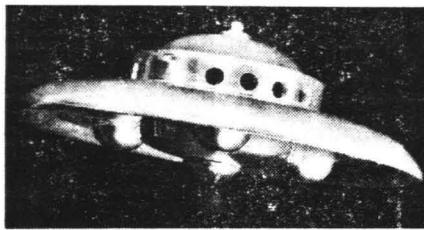
"I have gotten very few calls from people who hallucinate, perhaps

schizophrenics who are on leave or on treatment, but they are not difficult to spot," he says.

Schoolteachers, farmers, policemen, pilots and housewives have been known to call in and Barker says no one seems to be immune to UFO sightings.

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## The flying saucer hotline serves up space oddities



ALIEN . . . intruder from outer space?

IT'S been a busy time for Martians . . . and the people of Venus have been getting about a bit. They and other extra-terrestrial types have been continuing their clandestine study of our strange human behaviour.

This is known because since the experts opened a UFO Hotline only a few weeks ago they have received more than 300 reports of unidentified flying objects around Britain.

Not all of these, of course, were flying saucers.

The slow moving, orange sphere seen drifting over Farnworth by four people could have been a trick of the light.

The disc floating above Warrington for several minutes might have been a gaggle of geese.

And the silver-white

By Andrew Nott

believe that there is something out there.

The leading UFO experts in this country belong to the Aetherius Society whose members have now embarked on a national tour to improve ET's credibility.

On Saturday evening it will produce evidence at the Friends Meeting House. The Polygon Eccles, Salford.

object in the Salford sky, the amber glow seen by a fireman and his son in Bury, and the bright light cork-screwing over Fallowfield could all be explained away as deflating hot air balloons.

The fact is that millions of people now

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## Couple in a spin over flying saucers riddle

By Beverley Hawes

ROBERT and Maureen Vernon told yesterday how they saw mysterious unidentified flying objects on the outskirts of Cheltenham.

Mrs Vernon was looking out of the window of her home in Shurdington, when she saw something strange in the sky.

"I saw this metal oval-shaped disc come over the top

of Leckhampton Hill. It was hurtling and spinning. It was not very high up," she said.

"I called my husband and he came out with his binoculars and saw another one. There were two and they just disappeared."

Mrs Vernon is convinced the flying objects were not aircraft or weather balloons because they were moving so fast.

SUN, London, England - May 26, 1987

## SIMON BETS £120 E.T. WILL ARRIVE!

By JOHN KAY

COMPUTER boffin Simon Carreck thinks he has landed an out-of-this-world bet—100-1 on a real-life E.T. turning up in a year.

Simon, 30, is so certain his alien will appear he has put £120 on his weird wager with bookies William Hill.

But they say he will only get his £12,000 if a minister announces the existence of alien life IN PARLIAMENT.

Simon, of North London, said: "There is a lot of research going on in space at the moment."

"I'm going to be over the moon when I win."

● HAVE YOU seen an alien or a UFO? Write to: UFO, The Sun, 1 Virginia Street, London, E1.

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## UFO buzzed us says family

By Antony Harris

SWANSEA toddler Hannah Bates today told of her close encounter with an unidentified flying object last night.

After calmly drawing what she saw the bright-eyed four-year-old said: "It was ghosties!"

Hannah and her mother Mrs. Jenny Bates say they were "buzzed" by the UFO which hovered silently 50 feet above their home in Curry Close, Upper Killay.

The child saw the object first and when her mother looked up she couldn't believe her eyes.

"It was just hovering there. It was tiny, about the size of my dining room table, and had four green lights on the bottom," said Mrs.

Bates. "I was rooted to the spot and I tried to call out to my husband but I couldn't speak," she said.

"I must have stared at it for five seconds before it shot off. There was a rushing of air, but no noise at all. It was really weird," added Mrs. Bates.

She wasn't convinced she had actually seen a UFO until Hannah sat down and drew the object.

"Ghosties is her word for anything unusual and that is

exactly what we saw," said Mrs. Bates.

The family had just returned from a long day out at around 10.30 last night and the encounter came while husband Nick was parking the car in the garage behind their home.

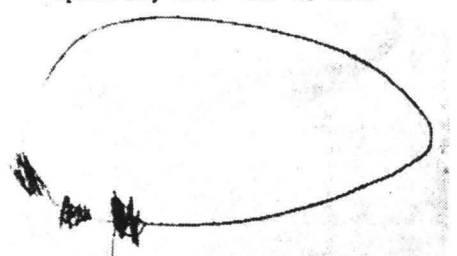
"I saw the reflection of green lights on the bonnet of the car, but nothing else," he said.

Swansea police and the airport authorities say they have had no reports of any UFO sightings overnight.



MRS. Jenny Bates with her four-year-old daughter Hannah.

SOUTH WALES EVENING POST, Swansea, Wales  
April 30, 1987 CR: T. Good



HANNAH'S sketch of the UFO.

They're small, dark-eyed and a pain when they fly in.  
JOHN PRESTON on a lucrative encounter.

**W**HITLEY STRIEBER has written a true story. In case you doubt this it's printed in italics at the bottom of every page of his book—currently topping the best-seller charts in the States—as well as on the jacket and the fly-leaf.

As Strieber writes in the introduction, his book *Communion* is the story of "one man's attempt to deal with a shattering assault from the unknown". Or, to put it another way, Strieber has had what appears to be a series of close encounters with extra-terrestrial beings. Yes, they're out there after all. And Strieber has met them.

What makes Strieber's book different from other reported contacts with Martians, Venusians, Klingons and assorted aliens, is that he is a determinedly regular guy, a sceptic, not in the slightest bit given to exotic flights of fancy. At least not in non-fiction. He's the author of a number of horror stories as well as a couple of more serious works.

## Paranoid

What's more he is—and this is the important part—completely sane. If you have doubts about this too, there are testimonies from psychiatrists in the book confirming that he is not suffering from paranoid delusions, plus the results of lie detector tests which bear out his story.

Strieber's not even saying for sure that he has met up with "visitors", simply that he's had a series of weird experiences and we would all

# The night E.T. came for Whitley Strieber

be better off if we kept open minds about such things. All in all, he's being entirely reasonable about the whole thing.

"Oh God, he's a loony," muttered the photographer as Strieber strode across the lounge of his hotel. In the flesh, Strieber certainly looks as if he has just stepped off the bridge of Fireball XL5, but this surely is no discredit at all. What he is, though, is very earnest indeed. British journalists, he has found, have been giving him a rather rougher ride than he got in the States.

"In America I am a well-known author," he says a little huffily, between sips of weak camomile tea. "No one imagines for a moment that I would come up with a fraud."

Over here he has already seen off one "witlessly sceptical" interviewer. "I told him to get lost," he says. "I couldn't think what else to do. After all, I am sceptical myself, not in a thoughtless way though, but in a thoughtful way."

Why, you may wonder, should the visitors have picked on Strieber as a subject for study?

He's as much in the dark about this as everyone else. But judging by the book, it's because of his complete absence of any sense of humour. This is the bad news. They may be out there. They may be more or less intelligent than us. When it comes to mirth though, they're complete non-starters.

## Probes

But, as Strieber tells it, this was a seriously non-humorous experience. It all started—or seemed to start—one night when he woke up to see a small figure standing at the end of his bed. The figure had two dark holes for eyes, another dark hole where its mouth should be, and it appeared to be wearing some sort of breastplate. Strieber's first reaction, being a non-fanciful sort of

fellow, was to put this down to a "hypnopompic hallucination." But then he began to have his doubts.

The next thing he knew he was being carried along by a group of figures and taken into a small circular chamber in the middle of a wood. There he was submitted to some sort of medical examination, with probes being stuck into the sort of places where probes have no business going. When he woke the next day he had a pain in his bottom and was in a state of understandable confusion.

In the weeks that followed he thought he was going mad. Eventually he decided to go and see a therapist. He toyed with the idea of going to see someone called Dr Aphrodite Clamar, but decided against it (wisely, one can't help thinking) plumping instead for someone at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. Under hypnosis he remembered other encoun-

ters with the visitors stretching back to his childhood.

What's more he came to realise that he was not alone. Plenty of other people, apparently quite sane, had had similar experiences. In no case though was there any direct evidence of abduction.

As far as Strieber was concerned this made it all the more fascinating. Were the visitors from another planet? Were they figments of his imagination, dead people swirling around in the void, results of "electromagnetic anomalies?"

And so on. And so on. Some people had emerged from their experiences hopelessly traumatised, others had come out enriched.

As for Strieber, if he really was carried off by aliens, they don't seem to have done much for his prose style. Someone, reputedly of earthly origin, is quoted on the book jacket as saying that it's beautifully written. This is pushing it. In fact it's a grindingly literal account of the minutiae of what apparently happened to him, full of tedious transcripts of hypnosis sessions and meetings with other abductees.

## Sequel

But that hasn't stopped it from selling like wildfire in the States. Turned down (with contempt, notes Strieber) by nine publishers, it sold out as soon as it hit the shops. The reprints have kept rolling ever since. And there's more to come. Strieber has had further visitor experiences since completing the book and intends to write a sequel detailing his recent escapades.

The most notable of them involved his being transported once again by the visitors, although this time he decided to walk rather than be carried. He had hoped to take a camera. Regrettably this proved impossible. So he took his cat instead.

*'Communion' by Whitley Strieber is published by Century at \$16.95.*



CARRIED AWAY... Strieber the "sceptic" — and best-seller.

# Plea about UFOs

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Northamptonshire, England - May 25, 1987 CR: T. Good

THE phenomenon of unidentified flying objects is like a gigantic iceberg and the truly important aspects are hidden far beneath the surface.

I am at the moment doing a research project for the British UFO Research Association of all sightings of UFOs in the Northamptonshire area over the past 40 years. Research so far is mainly from Evening Telegraph files at Kettering Reference Library. I would remind readers of my intentions, that is to bring to the attention of the general public and sceptics of UFOs the fact that far from being a lot of nonsense,

detailed descriptions of sightings are beginning to make sense. In other words information which, in the majority of cases is reported by discerning folk from all walks of life, is building up.

May I through the columns of the Evening Telegraph appeal to any readers who have seen a UFO, and I am sure there are people in the county who have but have not said anything about their experience because they may be afraid people will laugh at them.

They may rest assured I am a serious investigator, and will treat any information that I receive in

the strictest confidence. No matter where these sightings occur and whatever interpretation we put on them, they are of considerable news value. It is because of the tremendous volume of these sightings that have appeared in newspaper reports that interest in this subject has developed. There can be no smoke without fire of some sort.

I am intrigued by the reports flowing in from different parts of the world. Many people have lived to experience the truth that what was fiction yesterday is scientific fact today. Whatever the explanation of UFOs, science has by no means reached its ultimate, for

there are still many mysteries it cannot explain.

This universe we live in is a tremendously large place, and the Earth is only a speck of dust in comparison. If encounters with UFOs have really taken place, then let us find out more about this. It is the duty of the public to report any strange phenomena that they may see, so that it can be recorded and studied. It is the duty of the scientist to sift and analyse the facts. There is something happening in our skies we cannot satisfactorily explain.

MR E STILL

46 Occupation Road, Corby.

CR: T. Good

## And now ... if you've read enough about the election, here's news from another world Close encounters of an alien kind

by MARTIN BAILEY

According to the briefing paper: 'All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week of time which had elapsed before their discovery.'

'A covert analytical effort resulted in a preliminary consensus (19 September 1947) that the disc was most likely a short-range reconnaissance craft ...'

The Majestic-12 Group remains of the unanimous opinion that imposition of the strictest security precautions should continue without interruption into the new Administration.'

Inquiries by *The Observer* at the National Archives, the archives of former Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, and the National Security Council archives, have been unable to authenticate the briefing paper. They all say that extensive searches have failed to locate copies of the document.

There is, however, new evidence from the files of US Intelligence that a secret group called MJ-12 did exist. This is a White House memorandum to General Twining informing him about an 'MJ-12' briefing for President Eisenhower. It was declassified on 12 January 1987.

The White House memorandum was described by the National

Archives last week as 'a very strange document.'

Archivist Joanna Williamson said: 'It was found in the files of the US Air Force's Director of Intelligence and is certainly genuine, but we have found no minutes of the MJ-12 meeting, which was scheduled for just two days later. It is very surprising that there are no other papers on MJ-12, and we have no idea what it was.'

If the White House memorandum is genuine, this proves the existence of an MJ-12 group whose responsibility could have covered UFOs. This would then strengthen Mr Good's view that there was a cover-up of the discovery of dead aliens. However, US UFO writer Mr Bary Greenwood has raised an intriguing question suggesting that there could have been a very sophisticated fraud.

'There are some things that look wrong with the White House memo. For example, it is unsigned. It is just possible that it was manufactured by someone wanting to prove the existence of MJ-12 and then inserted into Air Force Intelligence records which had recently been opened up to the public.'

The hoaxer could then have ordered a copy from the National Archives which would carry the official declassification stamp. MJ-12 may well have existed but more research is needed to authenticate the documents,' he said.

BODIES of four 'aliens' from a crashed UFO (unidentified flying object) were recovered and examined by a special American Government team 40 years ago, according to a top-secret 'document' obtained by a British researcher.

A bitter debate is now likely to develop among UFO experts over the existence of a mysterious committee, code-named Majestic-12, which is supposed to have examined the aliens.

The highly classified briefing paper claims that the then head of the CIA, Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, reported that 'although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development have apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in *homo sapiens*'.

The document, which has been shown to *The Observer* by Timothy Good, Britain's leading UFO researcher, purports to be a briefing paper for President-elect Eisenhower on Operation Majestic-12, also known as MJ-12.

In his book, 'Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up,' to be published by Sidgwick & Jackson on 9 July, Mr Good claims that MJ-12 was a committee of senior US officials which investigated and then covered

up news of flying saucer crashes.

Other UFO experts believe the story could be a hoax involving the planting of a fake supporting White House memo in the files of Air Force Intelligence and then getting the National Archives officially to declassify a forged document.

The Eisenhower briefing paper, dated 18 November, 1952, claims the MJ-12 committee had been set up by his predecessor, President Truman, on 24 September, 1947, as a 'top secret research and development/intelligence operation responsible directly and only to the President of the United States.'

The document reports that on 24 June 1947, 'disc-shaped aircraft' were sighted in the United States. 'Little was learned about the objects until a local rancher reported that one had crashed in a remote region of New Mexico, about 75 miles north-west of Roswell Army Air Base (now Walker Field).'

'On 7 July 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study. During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. These had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site.'

WARNING: This is a TOP SECRET - EYES ONLY document containing compartmentalized information essential to the national security of the United States. EYES ONLY ACCESS to the material herein is strictly limited to those possessing Majestic-12 clearance. Ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. These had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site. All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week time period which had elapsed before their discovery. A special scientific team took charge of removing these bodies for study. (See Attachment "C".) The wreckage

Extract from the Majestic-12 'document.'

GUARDIAN, London, England  
May 20, 1987 CR: T. Good

Whitley Strieber is not a liar, a drunk or an addict. Neither is he insane. But is his story of abduction by tiny extra-terrestrials really credible? Ann Shearer reports

## A man who got carried away

WHEN Whitley Strieber went to bed on December 26, 1985, fortified by a supper of Christmas leftovers and a glass of seltzer and lime, family and burglar alarms in due place, the thought that his waking self would be abducted in the night by small beings with two dark holes for eyes and mouths that moved between lines and circles, was hardly on his mind.

But taken he was — first to the woods, then to a small circular room where, to his intense and utter terror, they inserted a needle into his head and a probe into his rectum before he blanked out until he found himself back in bed as if nothing had happened at all.

What he went through that night, he later discovered, had been logged by others over the years as "an archetypal abduction experience." The details of it, and others similar in his life, painfully reconstructed through nagging unease, discussion and eventual hypnosis, have been echoed by others too. So has the utter uncanniness of those small "visitors", insect-like rather than human, their occasional entirely comprehensible speech doing nothing at all to dull the terror at the paralysis of human will and body they seem able to induce.



Whitley Strieber: a great wonder

There was a time when Whitley Strieber thought he was insane. The eminent psychiatrist who examined him has put on public record that he finds no trace of psychosis or personality disorder. Nor, according to the tests, is Strieber suffering from temporal lobe epilepsy. Nor, according to the polygraph, is he a liar. Nor, by his own account, is he a heavy drinker or at all a taker of hallucinogenic or other drugs. The terror now "at least on the surface" abated, he is left with the experiences themselves and those separate ones of his wife and small son. "We are," he says with a sort of studied calm, "in the presence of a great wonder of some kind".

It is not one with which he has had previous truck. Of unidentified flying objects and allied topics he has made no previous study, his own line of business being the writing of books, including a rather serious prize-winner about the horrors of a nuclear winter. Time was when he feared that his reputation would be seriously tarnished by his account of his meetings with the visitors.

Not, perhaps, any longer, for it seems that his story has come for its time. Even his publishers, who shelled out a \$1 million as advance on it are astonished, he says, at how their investment has prospered. Already Communion has hit the top of the US bestseller list and looks set to go back there; since February, it has sold 200,000 copies in hardback.

What it has brought in its train is up to 50 letters a day, none of them hate mail, most of them highly articulate and very many recounting experiences similar to his own. For the first time, he says the professional classes are admitting to such strangeness in their own lives. At the very least, he says, if a common

insanity is what they all share, then we are going to have to look again at our definitions of psychosis.

Those accounts, and the others which may come his way after Communion is published here tomorrow will eventually find their place in a properly docketed data base. For now, some common features can already be discerned. Most of the experiences of "visitors" have happened to people living, as he was, in isolated areas. Very often, they have found themselves "operated on," and sometimes too — as happened separately to his wife, his son and himself — they are left with physical scars or sorenesses that only underline the compelling sense of physical reality that characterises the experience.

Very often, too, there are associated electrical disturbances; to this day he is cursed by his unwitting bugging of his computers. And almost always and not perhaps surprisingly, people are left in the aftermath of that sheer terror with a need to make some very drastic reassessments of their intellectual and spiritual patterns.

If Whitley Strieber has discerned any purpose to the visitors' actions, that reassessment, for us humans at least, is perhaps it. Accounts of UFOs and visitors of non-human sort — which may or may not be related — have been recorded since antiquity; even the blue overalls of Strieber's visitors can find their antecedents in the medieval German kobolds, a race of underground dwarfs who wore that characteristic, cobalt blue.

The last time there was a great surge of UFO-sightings, however, was in the 1950s — at a time when the West was shaken to its core by the realisation of the horror of the Holocaust and the reality of the atom bomb.

Now we are in the grip of an ever-increasing anxiety about the future of the planet itself. Have the visitors come, as dwarfs and other non-humans ever have in myth and legend, to bring a new sort of energy that can be creative if properly approached, destructive if not? Already the thoroughly sceptical psychologist who has been sorting through the accounts sent to Strieber has noticed that those from men, in particular, seem somehow "gentled," as if barriers of aggression and fear may be lowering.

That psychologist is one of a group Strieber has gathered to inquire into the evidence. The group also includes a psychiatrist, an astrophysicist and scientists various, including one with a very secret job for the US navy. Between them, they bring biases that range from a predisposition to believe in the visitors as an external reality, associated with UFOs, to an insistence that the only possible explanation will be found in a working of the human mind not yet understood. That, says Strieber, is as it should be. "It is a time not to believe, but to examine."

What he wants now is for more scientists to shed their prejudices about UFOs and to start taking seriously the proliferating accounts of visitors in a new respect for people who have for so long been fearful of mentioning those experiences at all. And he is very keen that reports from his group make their way to government. "Either this is a mental health problem of some significance, or the visitors are real or it is an extraordinary mental state which can be used for growth. Whichever it is, the whole body politic has a right to know what's going on."

Communion by Whitley Strieber is published tomorrow by Century Hutchinson, £10.95.

DAILY MAIL, (City Unknown), England - May 22, 1987 T. Good

# Eureka!

## Garden-shed secret of a magnificent man and his flying machine

By ROGER SCOTT

IT looks like any other garden shed. But the place where Sandy Kidd's wife keeps her plantpots could go down in the history of man's quest for the stars.

It was there that Sandy, 49, worked on a theory contrary to all the laws of physics — that flying saucers can exist.

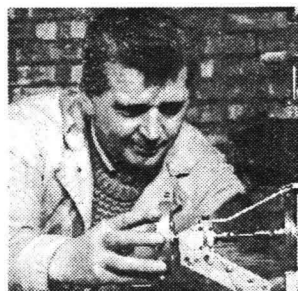
And now, Eureka! A combination of two gyroscopes and a model aeroplane engine has produced a flying machine which, if its principles are proved, could slash the costs of conventional flight and mean future spacemen travelling to distant constellations with a teaspoon of uranium for fuel.

While some scientists are sceptical about an invention by a tool fitter from Dundee, they all agree that, should he prove them wrong, he deserves the Nobel Prize. In the meantime, Sandy has been given a grant and quit his garden shed for the city's university where he now works in the department of mechanical engineering.

### Inspired

His brainchild is diamond-shaped, 18 inches tall and has gyroscopes placed at each end of a cross arm. It is connected to an electric drill which rotates the body. The model aeroplane engine then rotates the gyroscopes ... and they lift the machine into the air.

According to Professor Eric Laithwaite of Imperial College London, who was the subject of a TV programme which inspired Sandy's work, the invention converts rotary motion into linear motion producing thrust



SANDY: Could deserve Nobel Prize

without reaction. "It appears on the face of it to break a law of physics, but I never believed it. Sandy has demonstrated my theory to be true."

If it can be proved and established it would be possible to travel to another galaxy on a teaspoonful of uranium with a small nuclear engine powering the gyroscopes.

In the years since he began his flying saucer quest, Sandy spent so much time in the shed that friendships ended and his wife Janet packed her bags several times. The breakthrough came at 10 p.m. one night when at the end of her tether, she told him "Give it one more try and that's it!"

"To our utter amazement it worked," she said. "It was a fantastic moment."

Mrs Kidd said: "I am very proud of him and all is forgiven but I keep asking him why he couldn't have invented something simple like the safety pin."

Professor Stephen Salter of Edinburgh University, said the machine appeared to "shake up the whole of Newtonian physics. But I suspect a form of vibration was actually producing the effect. However I believe such work deserves the highest praise and if Mr Kidd proves me wrong it would be worth a Nobel Prize."

By Howard Sounes

THIS is one of only a handful of photographs in the world of a genuine flying saucer — a picture confirmed by experts.

It's no fake, it's not trick photography. This flying saucer flew low over Cheshire with aliens from outer space aboard.

Nobody knows whether they came in peace or as an advance party scouting for some hostile planet in another galaxy — but come they did.

Retired bank worker Stewart Henderson took the picture from his bedroom window in Warrington, Cheshire, while he was trying to snap a beautiful sunset.

When the film was developed, the amazing UFO image was revealed.

"It's genuine — not a fake," said Richard Lawrence of the UFO watching Aetherius Society.

"This is the only photograph out of hundreds sent to us that we will vouch for hand on heart."

The Aetherius Society has been collecting evidence on life from other planets for 30 years.

"We rushed the photograph to an expert in America who specialises in detecting fakes," Richard revealed. "He said the snap is genuine."

"No way could the man who sent it to us be described as a crackpot or even an eccentric. He is a retired, unassuming, level-headed man who uncovered this remarkable evidence by sheer chance."

"It is completely illogical to believe we are the only inhabited planet in the universe. There MUST be other life out there."

This flying saucer has been estimated by experts to be 35ft across and built by beings far superior to us in technology.

### ONE PHOTO THAT IS NOT A FAKE!

They are probably humanoid SINCE we asked you to write in and tell us of your UFO close encounters last week, hundreds of letters have arrived.

We are busy checking your accounts with scientists.

When we get the facts, we'll bring you the evidence first. Sunday Sport is the only national newspaper open-minded enough to do this.

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But we need your help. So write in to UFO, Sunday Sport, 50 Eagle Wharf Road, London N1 7FD.

If there are beings out there and they want to come and visit, let's give 'em a chance!



SUNDAY SPORT, London, England - May 24, 1987 CR: T. Good

## Flying saucer get-together

TOP-level talks at a North Humberside hotel tonight promise to be "out of this world".

For extra-terrestrial experts from London will be at the Grange Park Hotel, Willerby, to discuss "UFOs — The Facts".

And flying saucer fans from throughout the county are invited to turn up to describe their own close encounters of a strange kind!

Christine Aubry, co-ordinator of a nationwide UFO's hotline, will bring evidence said to prove they exist.

By IAN HALSTEAD

Since the telephone line was set up last month calls have flooded in — with a handful from Humberside.

These include sightings in East Hull, Anlaby Common, Beverley, Market Weighton and even Hull city centre.

The meeting starts at 8pm and entrance costs £1.50, 75p for pensioners.

## TRANSLATIONS

Locations of incidents: Río Seco, Chacacayo, etc. (department of Lima), Peru

Dates of incidents: January 10, \_\_, and 22, 1986

Source: EFE agency dispatch received in Mexico City, 1986

Luis Ramírez Reyes summarized this in his "Cosas Increíbles" ("Incredible Things") column in the Mexican women's magazine ULTIMA MODA of June 15, 1986 (XIX:394), p. 11; he provided a photocopy of the original dispatch to Richard Heiden, who made the translation.

THEY CLAIM THAT EXTRATERRESTRIALS WILL VISIT SPAIN IN APRIL

Madrid, 25 Feb (EFE).—Three Spaniards, a yoga teacher, a nurse, and an acupuncturist, claim that extraterrestrials will visit their country the middle of next April, and they explain that they themselves announced it to them in Peru.

"Our older brothers of the cosmos have advised us to announce their visit," José Díaz Vizcaino told EFE. Díaz, together with his wife, Nuria Díaz López, and Lourdes García Vila, established contact with the extraterrestrials last January in Peru.

They claim that Soloviac, Astar, Antar Sherat, and Ossim, as some of the inhabitants of Venus and the satellite Ganymede (which they call "Morlen") are called, will be at a place in Spain with previously-purified persons.

Lourdes was the first to receive a telepathic message from the extraterrestrials asking her that they go to Peru. It was October of last year.

That same month they announced to José, also through a telepathic message, that they should go to Peru, where they would have the experiences of "The Cesium Crystals" and the "Xendra," and perhaps a physical encounter with them.

Lourdes, José, and Nuria crossed the interior of Peru and travelled to the Nazca Tracks, which, as the yoga professor explained, were constructed by the extraterrestrials and are visible only from the air.

"When Man develops sufficient technological means," said José, "He will realize that these tracks have been made by a civilization superior to his."

"These tracks are made of stones cut like a knife blade to prevent the sand of the desert from covering them and impeding their being seen," added José, who claimed that the stones were transported by mother ships from other planets.

January 10 they had the first extraterrestrial experience. At Río Seco, one hundred kilometers north of Lima, they received the "Cesium Crystals."

"They are pyramidal crystals that we received by hand during some five or six minutes. Then those crystals become integrated with the chest, while you feel a sensation of heat," explained Lourdes.

The mission of these crystals is to catalyze the energy of the sun to distribute it throughout the whole body. According to the extraterrestrials, a great sun exists beyond this galaxy that inundates our sun with energy.

One night, José, Lourdes, and Nuria went into the country with a group of people, and there they had the experience of the "Xendra."

"Several ships appeared surrounding the mother ship, which is the one that emitted a light that disintegrated our bodies and transported us to another planet," affirmed Lourdes, who confessed that she still becomes nervous recalling that experience.

"There, we appeared before a council presided over by 24 ancient guides who were reading a type of parchment, as though they were making a file on each of us."

"After some twenty minutes," she added, "we returned to earth and rematerialized, the feet appeared first, then the legs and the belly, and afterwards the entire body."

"I felt a very intense sensation of heat and when I rematerialized I was trembling. Then, like my companions, I was dizzy, I could barely walk and for seven days I couldn't eat."

This was the first experience of the "Xendra." Some days later, on January 22, in Chacacayo, they had another similar one.

According to José, the night they had the second experience of the "Xendra" the extraterrestrials manifested themselves to them physically, and they communicated to them telepathically to prepare and announce their trip to Spain.

"They are physically normal beings, a little taller,

some two meters, blond and with long hair," said Lourdes.

José, Lourdes, and Nuria count on the help of Peruvian Sixto Paz, who has had several encounters with extraterrestrials, as he relates in his book "Los (Guías) Extraterrestres y la Misión Rama" ("The Extraterrestrial Guides and the Rama Mission").

Sixto Paz will travel to Madrid April 14, just when the extraterrestrials will visit Spain.

People who desire to meet these beings should purify their bodies and minds. They should not smoke, drink alcoholic drinks, take drugs, or eat canned food.

The day of the initiations, according to José, they will have to fast for 24 hours, and during the preceding weeks follow a diet similar to the vegetarian.

To purify the mind, it will be necessary for them to practice exercises of concentration, meditation, and development of faculties of extrasensory perception, explained José.

Despite all this preparation, he specified, it will be the extraterrestrials who choose the people with whom they will establish contact. EFE.

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Location of incident: Mexico City, D.F., Mexico

Date of incident: early June, 1986

Source: ULTIMA MODA (Mexican women's magazine), Aug. 1, 1986 (XIX:397), p. 57, item in Luis Ramírez Reyes's "Cosas Increíbles" column (relevant to this case, it should be noted that Lic. Ramírez is also an executive with Televisa Radio, in charge of press relations)

TELEvisa EXECUTIVE LOSES A UFO

A great disappointment was experienced by an executive of Televisa Radio, who for obvious reasons did not want his name to be published, when, having in sight a huge intense light, he lost contact when he tried to aim his telescope to better make out what was enclosed in the flashy light. The event occurred in early June of this year. Around three in the morning, his wife got up to prepare medicine for their son when, passing the window, on a very clear night, "something" attracted her attention in the sky. At that moment she woke up her husband, who, through binoculars, verified that it was a different body than stars, due to its size, and than planets. Sure that it was an unidentified object, he quickly set up his powerful telescope, aiming it toward the volcanoes (i.e., toward the southeast--trans.) from his apartment, in eastern Mexico City. But imagine his surprise when, once the device was ready, the luminous ball had disappeared without a trace. Nevertheless, as a coincidence, several witnesses of it came forward, who affirmed that they too had seen what they called a UFO, since they caught, from the Vallejo thoroughfare and toward the east, several points of colors on the strange light...

City and country of incident: Barken Sea, Soderbarke, Dalarna Region, Sweden

Date of incident: April 17, 1987

Name of paper and date of clip: BERGSLAGSPOSTEN, April 21, 1987

City and country of newspaper: Lindesberg, Sweden

[CREDIT: Erik Fredriksson]

SHINING OBJECT COULD BE UFO

What was it that was flying over Soderbarke at 11:00 on the evening of Good Friday?

That was the question asked by many people in Soderbarke. They told of seeing a round shining object which was flying slowly along the Barken Sea to the south.

Tina Backlund, 10 years old, was the first to see the object. She was sitting in the living-room at Urnas-road and was playing when she suddenly cried out as she observed something flying through the air. In the room also was her older sister Sara and their parents. All of them saw the object, as well as their visitors, Evert Fredriksson, Elisie Andersson and children who were visiting the Backlunds.

"It was an object like two plates fastened together. It had a yellow light and glided through the air. There was also something like windows which were visible on the object," said Evert and Elsie.

"It was entirely fantastic and is very hard to explain. We saw it about five seconds," said Evert Fredriksson. It was gliding very low in the air. Sara and Tina Backlund told the same story concerning the incident.

"It was definitely not an airplane. We called the Dala airport and they had nothing in the district at that time," said Sara.

"It could really have been a UFO they observed," said Gudrun Andersson, president of Vasterbergslagens UFO Forening. "The most interesting aspect is that so many people observed the object and told the same story. Are there others who have seen something strange on Good Friday? I would be grateful if they would tell me their story."

It was not "only" 7 people at home with the Backlund family who observed the flying object. In a neighboring house on Urnas-road, the video stopped. And in the next house, they observed a shining object slowly gliding over the Barken Sea.

Was there a UFO? That question is now Vasterbergslagens UFO to explain. "Since there have been so many people independent of each other who have said they saw something at just that time, it is probable that there really was a UFO present," said Gudrun Andersson.



MORNING NEWS, Dallas, TX - April 4, 1987 CR: T. Adams

## Swedes to search for lake monster

### Depths may hold relative of Nessie

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Does Nessie, the monster of Scotland's Loch Ness, have a great-aunt Greta who lives in a huge mountain lake in northern Sweden? Scientists said Friday that they will make a search to find out.

Reports of a monster in Lake Storsjon go back 350 years, three centuries before someone first claimed to see Nessie, in December 1933.

Sten Rentzhog said the large number of sightings means "there must be something" in the lake 300 miles north of Stockholm, where spring comes so late that cars are still driving the 18 miles across Storsjon's ice-covered surface.

Rentzhog runs the county museum in nearby Ostersund and is director of the newly formed Society for Investigating the Great Lake.

He said in a telephone interview that his museum staff had collected the reports of 400 people who claim to have seen the monster between 1635 and last week.

Lars Thofeldt, a member of the 12-man scientific team, said no

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— Lars Thofeldt

clear picture of the monster emerges from the accounts. He is a botanist and teaches at the college in Ostersund.

"Some people said they saw a large neck undulating back and forth that looked like a horse's mane," Thofeldt told The Associated Press by telephone. "Others observed a large wormlike creature."

Rentzhog said: "Scientifically, you can't say it exists until it is proved, but there is at least as much evidence as there is about the Loch Ness monster."

Reports of the creature's size also differ. One of the earliest reports described it as large enough to wrap its body around one of Storsjon's many islands, but later ones give a variety of lengths ranging from 10 feet to 42.

The Loch Ness monster is described as 40 to 50 feet long.

One of many theories is that the reported monster was trapped in the Swedish lake 15,000 years ago, during the Ice Age. Thofeldt said it could be a water reptile or akin to a large snail.

Human settlement in the Storsjon Basin has been traced to the Iron Age around 400 B.C., making it the oldest inhabited area in Scandinavia, Rentzhog said.

Although the Great Lake society will search for evidence of the monster, Thofeldt said, its "real aim is to investigate the area and to create an interest for bringing qualified enterprises here."

Swedish news reports said submarines would probe the lake, which is 243 feet deep and covers an area of 164 square miles.

"It would be a splendid idea to go down with headlights and cameras," Thofeldt said, but it was doubtful the society could raise enough money.

Among the first tasks he listed: Collate information from the sighting reports, try to identify any pattern in timing or location and compare notes with other organizations, such as the Loch Ness Society.

CORNISH GUARDIAN, Bodmin, England  
Feb. 12, 1987 CR: T. Good



Lorraine Parry points to where she claims she saw Crantock Beach's answer to the Loch Ness Monster.

Photo: Bernard White, Newquay.

## Woman sees a 'monster'

A LONG LOST relative of the Loch Ness Monster is living off the shores of Newquay, says a Crantock woman.

By JANE HOFFEN

Lorraine Parry, 22-year-old Londoner who moved to the village four months ago, says she saw a long-necked prehistoric type monster, when she was walking along the Gannel Estuary early one morning.

It was about ten in the morning and very misty," Lorraine explained. "I crossed a dune on Crantock Beach and as I reached the river bank on the other side I noticed something bobbing up and down in the middle of the Gannel, which was half in flood.

"I couldn't get very close as it was out in the estuary. What saw was something about 200 yards from me which was dark grey, with a long neck that I later calculated to be about 12 feet long and a small blunted head, which I did not recognise.

"I couldn't see its body and when I timed it under the water it took about a minute. The water around it was very still.

"The neck swung up and backwards and that's when I wanted to run and get closer, but it was much faster than me, although it didn't seem to be swimming properly.

"It all felt so slow at the time but it only took about 10 minutes. The creature eventually got close to the ocean mouth and in the morning mist I couldn't see any more. It was gone."

At first Lorraine, whose aunt is a psychic and who claims several members of her family have seen UFOs, thought she had seen a large bird or one of the seals that often swim up the Gannel. But after looking at the steps she had traced in the sand she was convinced it was something much more mysterious.

"I realised I had walked a pattern in the sand which looked like a serpent," she said. "At the end I sat down on the sand and inadvertently wrote the word When? but I don't know what that indicated."

It was when she relayed the story to a close friend that they calculated that the creature's neck would have been at least 12 feet long.

Lorraine's story is reminiscent of many strange happenings along the estuary in times gone by. At the turn of the century, tales abounded of the "Gannel Crake", a mysterious bird-like creature, to which echoes and odd noises were attributed.

But more recently Mr George Northey, the 69-year-old proprietor of the Fern Pit Cafe, which looks onto the Gannel, has been troubled by something he has seen in the river.

"This story does not come as a surprise to me," he said. "A couple of months ago I saw a very large creature in the waters. I too, thought it was a seal at first, but I have seen them all my life and this was a seal and a half!"

Mr Northey can also remember his father, Dick, telling him that he had seen a monster in the Gannel in the 1930s and of the sudden disappearance of a horse and cart which nobody found.

To all those sceptics who think she is telling a tall story Lorraine says: "I can understand if people choose not to believe me, but I do wish they would. I did see it and I would not waste anybody's time unless I had."



(Bulletin Photo)

SAW BIGFOOT—Robert France of Vandergrift claims he saw Bigfoot near Bear Cave in the Chestnut Ridge above the Derry Township Village of Hillside June 12, 1982. France, who has camped on the ridge for 24 years, said he never encountered such an animal before and now spends his time trying to gather evidence to prove that it exists. France carries plaster of Paris and water with him in order to make casts of any footprints he might find and has photographed a set of 37 tracks he found near the top of the ridge in 1985. More photos on Page 2.

## Man claiming he saw Bigfoot

By KIM OPATKA  
Bulletin Staff Writer

A Westmoreland County man claims to have had several encounters with Bigfoot in Eastern Derry Township and, unlike others who have reportedly seen the creature, is quite willing to admit he has seen it and freely talks about his experiences.

Robert France, 44, of Vandergrift, has not only seen the creature, but has taken several photographs of what he says are footprints of Bigfoot near the crest of the Chestnut Ridge not far from Bear Cave Fire Tower.

"The first time I saw it was June 12, 1982," France said. "There were three of us camped out near a stream about a half-mile above the Bear Cave. The couple I was with didn't want to go for a walk up over the ridge, so I went by myself.

"I was in the thicket of wild Mountain Laurel, eight to 10 feet high, which was pretty good sized, and it got too thick and I wasn't getting anywhere. I went out across the flat out in the open and I had the feeling I was being watched.

"I heard movement, something walking on two feet, taking extra large steps," he continued. "When I stopped it would stop. The top branches of the Mountain Laurel were

moving and that frightened me, because I'm not used to being pursued."

France said he left the area and lost the feeling that he was being followed. He went down into the valley near an old foundation to look for bottles.

"There was a rock off to the side of the trail and the sun was going down. As I went down the trail it felt like there was something in front of me," said France. "It was behind a rock and it had its hands down on the rock. The sun was behind it so it was hard to see clearly.

"It has a lot of hair on its arms and a lot on the top of the head. I couldn't see its face and it stood there and looked at me. I was scared, but I didn't go for my gun. Maybe I would have if it had approached me, but it didn't."

"I was shaking like a leaf. It had a bad smell, like rotten eggs. When I stopped, it would stop," he explained, saying he then slowly started to back up the trail. "I started back up, ran into some roots and stopped so I wouldn't trip.

"It dropped its arms down and walked away, watching me the

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whole time as it walked into the brush. It went with a long stride, with a drop to it."

France said he went back to the camp and told his companions about the incident. They said he was "white like I'd seen a ghost," but laughed when he told them what he's seen.

"That night, I was still shaky and I was sitting by the fire and heard two different screams," he said, noting that he has heard screech owls before and this was not like that. His companions heard it also.

"I built up the fire so I could see to undress in the tent and I opened the tent flaps. I left the screen open... and got ready to go to sleep when I heard something over the bank behind the tent. It sounded like a person with pneumonia breathing, a rattly sound.

"I put my gun to my chest, scared and minutes went by. It hit the string which holds the tent up and stopped again. It was right beside me, between the fire and the front of the tent, still looking at me."

He said his companions did not see the creature as they were already in their tent and no footprints were found. France says he has been going up into the ridge to camp since 1963 and has never seen anything like the creature before. He has had many encounters with wildlife, including bears and elk, and hunts rattlesnakes as a hobby.

"I'm 100 percent sure it was not a bear. A bear will walk with its hind legs, but not here, clear up over the hill and they don't follow you on their hind legs."

France said he had never heard of Bigfoot at the time of his encounter and first thought it was some type of mountain ape, like in China and Africa, though he never thought there was such an animal in this area.

His father suggested he look in some books on wildlife to try to find

something similar to the creature, but he didn't have much success. He described the animal as being between seven and eight feet high and weighing somewhere between 600 and 800 pounds.

Ever since his first encounter with Bigfoot, France has been coming back to the area to camp and search for evidence that the creature exists.

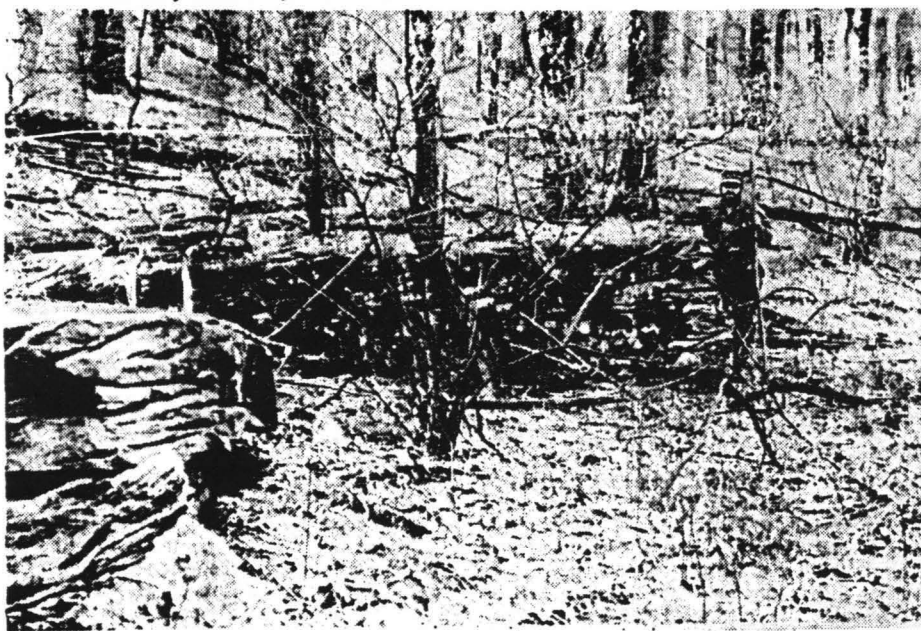
In May of 1985 as he was hiking in the ridge he saw and photographed the Bigfoot footprints.

"I heard something ahead of me and thought it was a bear. There was a lot of noise going through the brush and I saw some deer tracks and other tracks which didn't look like bear tracks. They were long and looked like Bigfoot. There were 37 tracks, including some little ones, and in some places there were double tracks, like another one had stepped in the same spot.

"The tracks were still sharp and the mud wasn't cracked. I followed them up the bank, to where they pivoted and stepped out over the trail. I came back down (to where the footprints started) and took some pictures. I wanted to compare them to my bare foot, but I was afraid to wait."

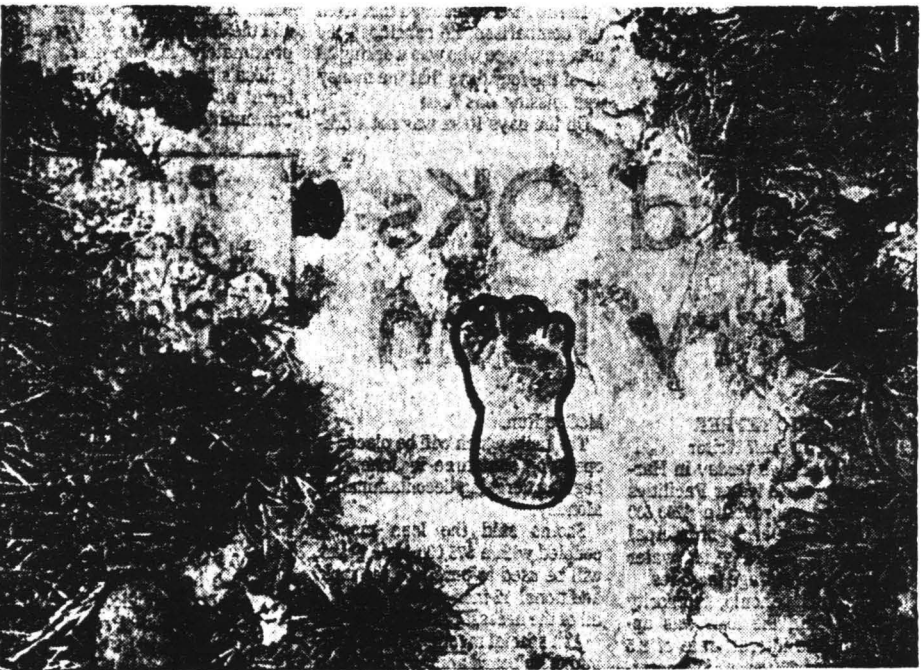
Stan Gordon, of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, a volunteer group which studies Bigfoot and other unexplained phenomena, said France has been working with the group, providing information on the creature he saw. Gordon said France has even been put under hypnosis, so he would remember more details of the sighting.

Anyone having information on Bigfoot sightings should contact PASU at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, 838-7768. All records will remain confidential, according to Gordon, and persons may call PASU at the above number 24 hours a day.



(Bulletin Photo)

**POINT OF SIGHTING**—Robert France of Vandergrift stands at the point where Bigfoot was when he saw it in 1982. The photographer is standing along a trail where France was walking when he reportedly saw it.



**BIGFOOT TRACK**—This photograph was printed from a negative Robert France of Vandergrift took last May on the Chestnut Ridge in Derry Township. France claims it is a picture of a Bigfoot track. The track (right) is outlined in black for clarity, while a deer track is seen to the top left, and part of France's boot is seen at the bottom left. He said there were 37 tracks in the area and the animal appeared to be pursuing the deer.

## County man appears on coast talk shows

Stan Gordon of Greensburg, an internationally recognized authority on UFO's and Bigfoot, recently returned from Los Angeles, Calif., where he appeared on several radio and television talk shows.

Gordon is founder and director of Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, an all-volunteer statewide scientific clearing house for the study of UFO sightings and other strange occurrences.

The shows were sponsored by Association for Spiritual Development and Research Inc. of Beverly Hills. Since 1973, ASD & R has attempted to bring information and understanding to those seeking to grow spiritually and to explore phenomena beyond the self-imposed limits of the mind.

Gordon was videotaped for two television shows at KDOC in Anaheim, which will broadcast the programs and syndicate the show over 209 cable networks. He also appeared on a two-hour talk show on radio station KFOX-FM, Los Angeles.

Gordon has been quoted in numerous books, and dozens of articles on his research have been published locally and nationally.

## Strange craters

AUSTRALASIAN POST, Australia  
July 31, 1986 CR: R. Collins

FOR more than 10 years, scientists and geologists have been baffled by the discovery of some 30 strange craters between Bundaberg and Gin Gin (Qld.). Made of sandstone, siltstone and red ochre and at least 25 million years old, the craters contain unidentifiable markings which could be man-made!

The holes were discovered by a farmer clearing his land and they have now been opened to the public who offer a multitude of theories about their origin, ranging from natural formations — although the craters are not of volcanic origin — to the work of visitors from outer space!

UNION BULLETIN, Walla Walla, WA - March 15, 1987



**Vance Orchard**  
Blue Mountain Ramblings

**BIGFOOT ADDENDA** — Forgot to add this bit of info on the Bigfoot subject of recent date in this space.

There was at least one other sighting of possible Bigfoot tracks.

This was a single, measuring better than 12 inches long and eight inches across at the heel, according to their finder, John Sumerlin. And, he could only count four toes, he adds.

Sumerlin and his son, 19-year-old Jarrod, were hunting deer up Biscuit Ridge last fall and over on the North Fork of Dry Creek at the time when they spotted the huge track. "And, it was pretty fresh, too, Sumerlin says. The track was found in soil fairly damp.

The big track was not the only big object seen that day by the Sumerlins.

"It was the most gosh awful, biggest honey blond bear I ever saw," Sumerlin says. "It was just awful big."

The monstrous bear was seen in the same vicinity as was the Bigfoot track.

But, the Bigfoot track bore no resemblance to a bear paw, that was for sure, the Sumerlins aver.

DAILY EXPRESS, London, England - Feb. 27, 1987

## Chris on trail of the Yeti

CR: D. Rossiter/COUD-I



Chris: Misgivings

**CLIMBER** Chris Bonington yesterday flew off to the land of the Yeti.

But he admitted he had mixed feelings about spotting the fabled mountain creature in the Himalayas.

"I would be worried because it would mean problems for the Yeti, if confirmation of its existence exposed it to the world's interest," he said.

"It is nice to keep a few mysteries in the world," Bonington is leading an Anglo-Norwegian operation to try to conquer the 23,327 ft Tibetan peak Menlungtse.

But he felt the area was "just the sort of place" where Yetis could be — and his team would be "keeping their eyes open."

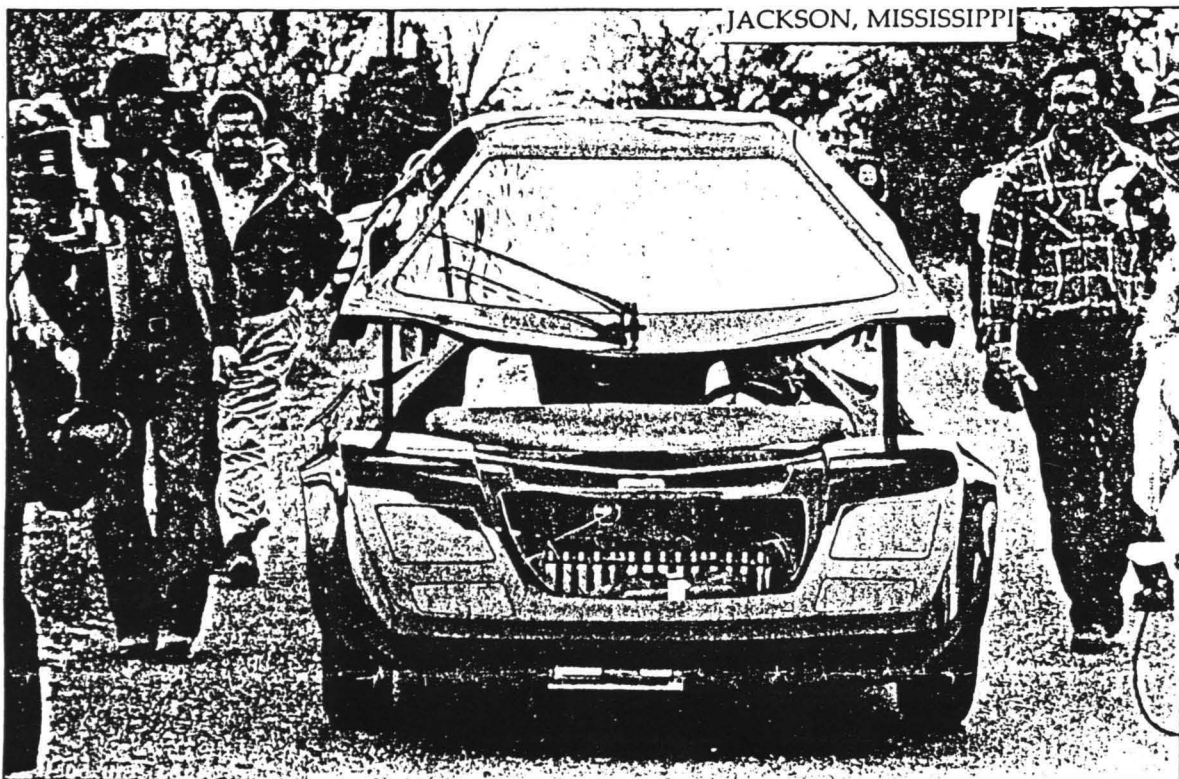
One of the most recent sightings was in 1984 in

the Kulu Himalayas of northern India. Climbers photographed what appeared to be a man-like figure covered in brown hair.

"I sometimes wonder whether the Yeti could be a small group of a form of Neanderthal man which has become isolated through this vast mountain range being so cut off from the rest of the world," said Bonington.

CLARION-LEDGER, Jackson, MS - Feb. 5, 1987 CR: M. Truzzi/COUD-I

# Lucedale inventor hits the road



Joe Newman of Lucedale talks to reporters from behind the wheel of his energy car during a demonstration Wednesday. Newman drove the car a half mile down the Old Mobile Highway in the Rocky Creek community at about 4 mph.

## Success! Newman's 'gyro-power' car works

By VALERI OLIVER  
Clarion-Ledger Gulf Coast Bureau

LUCEDALE — Inventor Joe Newman's red, home-built car sputtered, then hissed and whirled its way down a rural backroad Wednesday, a feat Newman says will ultimately change the world.

"What y'all are seeing this morning is history," Newman told a gaggle of reporters and photographers gathered on Old Mobile Highway east of Lucedale for the demonstration.

Newman said his electronic car, which ran at 4 mph, is proof of a breakthrough in physics. He brought his car to Jackson in December for a demonstration, but that test was aborted, he said, because the car was damaged on its way from Lucedale to the Mississippi Coliseum.

Newman said Wednesday he wanted to show off his energy machine-powered car closer to home to prove that his controversial theories are so basic they can be done even in the backwoods of George

County.

"If the scientific community is right, then there's no way that this battery will move this car. . . . There is no way that a zillion of them would even turn this thing over," Newman said before he started the vehicle.

The inventor held up a tiny 1.5-volt battery that he claims is the force behind the energy machine's

ability to power the 1,800-pound car. Newman claims to have used more than 170 pounds of the batteries, along with 200 pounds of copper wire, to harness the energy of tiny gyroscopic particles contained within the electromagnetic field, which he said is the building block of the universe.

"The energy comes from the atoms of the conductor, the atoms of a magnet," he said.

As Newman prepared to start the car with the aid of a mechanic, he warned reporters not to touch the car's surface. "It will sure light you up," he said.

The car then sputtered to life and a sign above the back bumper reading "Gyro Power" lit up. With Newman at the wheel, the auto heaved forward. The inventor drove the slow-moving vehicle down the highway about a half mile and back, all the time answering questions from reporters striding alongside. Then he turned the car off.

Newman said the electronic car can travel about 4 mph and can go up slight inclines. The inventor said he first powered the car on Jan. 30 before a small group of George Countians, a demonstration that reportedly lasted 30 minutes.

If the technology were stepped up, he said, cars could be powered to a speed more practical, and even space travel could use the process.

"I'm doing all this in the backwoods of Lucedale, Mississippi. What do you think would happen if big industry got behind it?" he asked.

But industry hasn't supported the idea, and neither have the U.S. Bureau of Standards and the Patent and Trademark Office. An application by Newman for a patent has been rejected. Patent officials say his theories don't prove the machine produces more energy than it consumes.

"I support Joe Newman," said George County Chancery Clerk Jerry Harvey, among those watching the exhibition Wednesday. "The only thing I understand about electricity is if you stick your finger in a socket, you'll get it. But Joe Newman is ethical. If he says it works, it works."

About \$100,000 was spent developing the car, Newman said, and another \$800,000 has been spent fighting the patent office.

But the money's not important, he said.

Newman criticized U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Jackson, the presiding judge in the inventor's federal court case in Washington, D.C., and President Reagan for "keeping this invention from the public."

A decision on his appeal is pending.

A small crew of Lucedale supporters gathered along the country road to watch the display.

"I take my son into the back yard, show him the stars, and tell him he will be using his father's technology to fly to other solar systems 20 years from now," Newman said. "I wouldn't tell him that if I didn't believe it."

REGISTER, Mobile, AL - Feb. 4, 1987 CR: M. Truzzi/COUD-I

# Opinion

## Newman merits more support

Is Lucedale, Miss., the Kitty Hawk of this generation? Could be.

It was in that nearby municipality that former Mobilian Joseph Newman on Wednesday afternoon drove a 1,800-pound car which he said was powered by a unique battery system — something which the experts said could not be done.

They had said much the same thing about the Wright brothers' flying machine before they got it into the air in 1903. Where would we be today without the airplane?

Although Newman's sleek sports car moved at only a few miles per hour, we should remember that the flying machine devised by Orville and Wilbur Wright barely got airborne on that historic flight.

The point is that American innovation is still alive and well today, just as it was nearly a century ago.

Instead of denying Newman a patent — indeed, fighting him every step of the way — federal bureaucrats and the entire nation should give him full backing to determine if he has defied conventional theory and produced a new form of energy. We are not saying that Newman is right or wrong — simply that he should be given a chance to prove his point.

"Physics books of today say this cannot be done," Newman said of his energy machine.

Newman said it proved that "the magnetic field must have come from the basic make-up of the more than 200 pounds of atoms in the copper coil of the motor and the 200 pounds of atoms in the permanent magnet of the motor."

Whatever that means, we are convinced that Newman deserves a better shake than he has received to date from the U.S. Patent Office and others.

Alabama and Mississippi congressional delegations should add their influence to what amounts to a growing public outcry for Newman to get his patent and an opportunity to usher in a new era of energy usage.

JOURNAL GAZETTE, Ft. Wayne, IN

April 19, 1987 CR: T. Curry

**Nessie the barge?** William Ray thinks he has solved the mystery behind reports of a Loch Ness-like monster in Lake Erie. A 40-foot floating platform, apparently used to hold construction equipment, recently washed ashore on his property about 30 miles east of Toledo. "It looks terrible. It's huge and very old. Someone could assume it (was) some kind of monster," Ray said. But Alice and Jack Beatty, who saw the platform bobbing in the water, say the structure could not possibly be the monster. John McCarthy, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Toledo, disagrees with both groups.

Compiled by Pamela Heinecke

EXAMINER, San Francisco, CA - April 29, 1987 CR: W. Thompson

## Loggers swear they saw 'large' Bigfoot in Sierra County

McCLATCHY NEWS SERVICE

SACRAMENTO — Three frightened loggers have filed a report with the Sierra County Sheriff's Department describing their encounter with a creature they said was Bigfoot.

Claude Dudley, Tommy Ruffing and Lee Janet III, all itinerant loggers, reported they were at a picnic area on Highway 89 between Truckee and Sierraville when they began hearing screeching, squawking noises at dusk Friday, said Sgt. Joe Mosley. Several minutes later, as they brewed coffee, they saw what they described as an upright animal between 9 and 10 feet tall coming toward them.

"It was this large, hairy burnt-black animal walking on its hind legs," Mosley said the trio told him.

When it saw them, it ran away toward Prosser Lake, knocking over a small tree in its path, Mosley said.

Around 400 feet separated the men from the creature, said Gary Horn, a California Fish and Game Department warden who conducted an investigation of the area Saturday.

The men estimated that the animal

moved with a 5-foot stride, crossing Highway 89 in two steps.

"One guy told me, 'Two strides was enough for me. I packed up my grub and got the hell out,'" Horn said.

The loggers drove directly to Sierraville, where they reported the incident to Mosley. The site is in a remote area of California, near the Nevada border.

"Those guys were stone-cold sober. They were actually serious about this, and so scared that they wouldn't go back up to the campground. They slept in their vehicle right in Sierraville," Mosley said.

Mosley contacted Horn, who returned to the site of the sighting with the three men Saturday. They used a dog trained to track bear and deer, but found no physical evidence to verify the presence of such a creature, Horn said.

"They very obviously did see something . . . but we were unable to come up with anything at all other than their belief in what they saw," said Horn.

The incident is the first report in several years of a Bigfoot sighting in the northern Sierra, Mosley said. A similar creature was reported about 10 years ago in Nevada County near the western Sierra County line, he said.

# Dinosaur or hallucination?

## Canada's Ogopogo -- 'Nessie' of the north country

By HOWARD WITT  
Of the Chicago Tribune

KELOWNA, British Columbia — It is easy enough to scoff at the legend of Ogopogo, a huge prehistoric serpent said to live here in scenic Okanagan Lake in the heart of British Columbia's mountains.

After all, the dozen or so blurry photographs purported to show the monster could just as easily be pictures of waves or shadows or logs. One of the best ones, showing floating humps that look something like three car tires lashed together, turned out to be three car tires lashed together.

Vigilant stakeholders over the years along the lake's 93-mile length haven't yielded any proof.

Nor have physical descriptions of this Canadian "Nessie" been particularly watertight. Ogopogo has been variously described as being 10 to 50 feet long, resembling a serpent — or an oversized otter — or maybe a sturgeon.

And then there are the countless local businesses that have adopted Ogopogo, truth or fiction, as an official mascot. The creature's smiling likeness (this represents, presumably, an educated guess at his physiognomy) graces all manner of buttons, T-shirts, signs and souvenirs, and the beast has been rendered in living green color (another educated guess) in a statue by a lakefront park.

Yes, all signs point to whimsy and imagination when it comes to Ogopogo of Okanagan Lake.

Until, that is, you talk to some of the prominent and upstanding citizens of Kelowna who fervently believe they've seen something very big swimming in their lake.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," attested Roy P. MacLean, retired publisher of the Kelowna Daily Courier, who had his close encounter 18 years ago while living along the lakeshore. "It was about 4 p.m., and I looked out my window and suddenly all the ducks on the water flew up at once. I saw three or four humps about 10 feet offshore, and its head was moving up and down as if it was eating. Then it swam off into the lake."

(Truth be told, MacLean was a believer in Ogopogo long before he saw it. In the 1940s he wrote: "For my part, I have not seen the Ogopogo, but I have seen flying saucers. If I can see flying saucers, why can't my friends see Ogopogo?")

Or consider the more recent reported sighting by Garry Sharpe, the president of the local tourism association and a respected town businessman.

"I never gave Ogopogo any consideration until I saw what I saw about four years ago," Sharpe said.

"I was with my wife and one of my sons and we were driving up along the lake when I noticed a turbulence in the water. Then we saw an object, that's all I can say, it looked like a cigar in the water, just below the surface like a submarine. As it was coming up, it made a big wake in the water. Then it disappeared."

Sharpe added that he has not told many people about his sighting. "They might question my mental stability and whether I can continue as president of the tourist association," he said.

The mayor of Kelowna, population 62,000, has never seen Ogopogo, despite the fact that his office overlooks the lake. But James Stuart believes "obviously there must be something out there because so many people have seen something."

Sightings of Ogopogo, in fact, are said to date back hundreds of years to the Indians, who called the monster N'ha-a-itk. In this century, local historian Arlene Gaal has collected reports of 200 sightings, with an average of five new ones every summer.

"I have had three sightings myself," said Gaal, a onetime creative writing teacher who for the last 15 years has been studying Ogopogo. "I have absolutely no doubt this is not a fish and this is not a log and this is not a wave. This is something animate."

Gaal acknowledges that her scrapbook of blurry pictures and a few indistinct videotapes are less than definite proof.

"But if this stuff were properly analyzed and enhanced by the Jet Propulsion Lab in California, like they do with pictures from outer

space, then we would have definite proof," Gaal said.

She added that the lab quoted her a rate of \$1,000 an hour for its services. So far, no one in Kelowna has been interested enough in such definite proof to ante up.

Believers suspect Ogopogo is a plesiosaurus, an aquatic breed of dinosaur that somehow missed the boat to extinction.

Scientists are skeptical. Paul LeBlond, an oceanographer at the University of British Columbia who tracks reports of mysterious sea

beasts, said he has seen Gaal's photo collection but "couldn't really tell what I was seeing."

"The people standing there by the water seem to be seeing something that is tremendously interesting to them, but then you see the pictures and it's a blob or a blur," he said.

Nor is everyone in the Okanagan Valley convinced there is an Ogopogo. Harold Thwaite, former mayor of nearby Peachland, said succinctly:

"I think it's a bunch of bull."

## Unbelievably good

When ad execs for Dryer's Grand Ice Cream started looking for new spokespeople, they bypassed movie stars and "Star Search" winners to go straight to the experts. When Dryer's unveils their new campaign slogan, "An unbelievable spokesperson for an unbelievable product," we can rest easier knowing there is, indeed, truth in advertising. The "unbelievable" spokespeople include Douglas MacKinnon, who says he spent about 30 minutes with the Loch Ness monster; Ida Kannenberg, who claims to have had numerous UFO encounters; and Howard Hughes' best buddy, gas station attendant Melvin Dummar. No word yet on Shirley MacLaine's participation in the campaign.

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# Creature seen in Derry Twp.

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A large humanoid, ape-like creature, similar to Bigfoot, standing eight to nine feet tall, has been sighted by several residents in the Derry Township Village of Gray Station.

Reports of the sightings have been circulating through the area recently and Stan Gordon of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU) today confirmed that such a creature has been seen in the area.

The first reported encounter with the creature was Dec. 13 in Gray Station when, according to Gordon, a local man was coming out of the woods at about dusk. The man reported that a heavy object was thrown at him, falling in front of his feet. The object was thought to be a railroad tie or a large piece of wood.

The man looked up and saw a large, ape-like creature blocking the path. The creature was described as standing eight to nine feet tall, with a large head, wide shoulders, long arms hanging past its knees, and long hair. Its eyes appeared to be far apart and it was standing upright.

Gordon's records indicate the man and the creature stared at each other until the creature turned, stooped and ran back into the woods.

The man, whom Gordon did not identify, has been a woodsman for many years and was quite shaken by the incident.

The creature, according to Gordon, is very similar to a bigfoot-type animal that has been seen in the area since 1973.

"It's a yearly thing," Gordon emphasized, noting that similar reports are turned in to PASU every year. He cited an incident which occurred in February of 1985 in the Chestnut Ridge above Derry, where large footprints, measuring 17 inches long by nine inches wide, were trailed through the woods.

Those footprints, he estimated, belonged to a creature that weighed from 450 to 600 pounds and stood about eight feet tall. His estimation was based on the depth of the prints in the snow and the stride. Gordon noted that there were no other tracks in the area.

The most recently reported sightings started in October in Unity Township, according to Gordon, when a property owner noticed that his new electric fence kept getting

broken down. In one instance he found a large set of footprints near the fence.

A cast of the footprints made by PASU indicated that the prints were similar to a cast made in 1973 in Greensburg during the first bigfoot wave in the county. The prints were 13 inches long by eight inches wide.

People in that area of Unity Township reported hearing unusual screams at night, and unusual sounds, said Gordon, and rabbits and cats with broken necks were found, though there were no sightings of the creature.

"Quite often we hear similar reports in areas where such incidents occur," he said.

The creature was sighted several times in Gray Station in December, with more recent sightings occurring in February.

Two men in a car reported seeing a similar creature near a creek in the same area of Gray Station at 2:30 a.m. one day.

"Others have seen it," said Gordon, according to second-hand reports he has heard, "but they are reluctant to discuss it for fear of being ridiculed."

In February, in the same general area, another man had a clear view of the creature at 2 a.m. as he was driving home, and saw it in front of his car. He said he saw it clearly in the headlights, according to Gordon's files.

The reaction of pets in the area also may indicate that there was some type of animal near the town. Gordon said pets act unusually and are sometimes frightened by it.

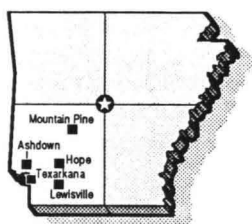
He said that although there have never been any documented cases on Bigfoot, hundreds of sightings have been reported and catalogued throughout Pennsylvania. He emphasized that the creature has never hurt any humans, though it seems to be curious about them, and it runs off when it's seen.

He urges people who have sighted the creature to contact PASU at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, or to call 838-7768 when a sighting occurs. All records will remain confidential, according to Gordon, and persons may call PASU at the above number 24 hours a day.

PASU is a volunteer statewide scientific research group which investigates incidents such as UFO and bigfoot sightings.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - April 19, 1987

## SOUTHWEST



### ■ Hope

DEPUTIES PUZZLED — The recent mutilations of two cows have puzzled Hempstead County sheriff's deputies. County resident John Kramer reported March 26 one of his cows had been killed, its tongue had been cut out and the hide removed from its head. Deputy Gary Billings said. Twelve days later, John Lloyd, who lives near Kramer, reported a similar death and mutilation of a cow, Billings said. About seven years ago, similar cattle mutilations were reported in Bowie County, Tex., he said, and about the same time incidents were reported in Pike County. None of those cases has been solved, and the deputy said he had no leads in the two in Hempstead County. "We don't know what's going on."

USA TODAY, Arlington, VA  
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## VERMONT

MONTPELIER — House-OK'd bill protects Lake Mephrag monster. Senate last year OK'd protection for Lake Champlain serpent. Rep. Frank DePrato: "If we keep this up, we'll have monsters in every pond in Vermont." ...

TRIBUNE, Tampa, FL - May 7, 1987

## Mountaineers claim proof of apish yeti

A Reuter Report

LONDON — A British-Norwegian expedition returned Wednesday from the Himalayas with evidence of the existence of the legendary yeti, two British mountaineers said.

Chris Bonington and Jim Fotheringham, whose attempt to climb the 23,237-foot Menlungtse with three Norwegian companions was abandoned because of weather, said they photographed footprints that could have been made by a yeti.

Reports of a mysterious ape-like species living high in the snows of the Himalayas surfaced in the 1920s when climbers first began attempts to scale Mount Everest.

The creature also has been dubbed the abominable snowman.