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## UFO investigation continues

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BELLEVILLE — Reports of unidentified flying objects in the Belleville area continue to surface, but the real story may still be hidden.

In other instances of UFO flaps — a high concentration of sightings in a short period of time — citizens have reported being "abducted" by aliens. Because of the number of recent sightings, one may be inclined to believe something more is happening in the Belleville area than mere sightings.

"We are checking into that possibility," said Don Schmitt, who is an investigator and director for the Center for UFO Studies, known as CUFOS.

According to Schmitt, investigators have met with a number of doctors in the area, and the doctors are somewhat reluctant to talk because of doctor-patient confidentiality.

"I'm surprised, in as much publicity that we have generated in the area, that we haven't been approached, and the center office itself has not received any calls or letters concerning anything about a close encounter," Schmitt said.

"Sightings in general — aside from the number of sightings — are rather unspectacular, nothing really that unusual about the nature of the sightings. But because of the amount of continued activity obviously we were looking for something else," Schmitt said.

Investigators have even turned back to old cases for clues.

Schmitt spoke briefly of an abduction which occurred in 1976 around the southern Wisconsin area. The victim is hesitant to talk.

"I know who he is," Schmitt said. "Because of the nature of it...it's something that obviously bothers him today." Schmitt hopes to speak to the victim in an effort to uncover information.

CUFOS' volunteers include doctors and others who can help abduction victims learn how to cope with the experience.

"We've been involved in a number of abductions in Wisconsin within the last five years," he said, but how many abductions have actually occurred is unknown.

"It's happening much more than we are ever led to believe," Schmitt said, explaining that victims don't talk because they feel violated, almost like a rape victim, and they decide to simply live with the experience.

"It's happening everywhere. We have abductions cases from the Soviet Union and China, Australia, South America, and the accounts are almost identical. So there, too, it certainly talks about something much beyond dream-induced experiences, mass hysteria."

Literature on alien encounters indicates people are physically examined, are sometimes left with a physical mark after an encounter, and often have no memory or a blurred memory of what happened. Recent books on the experience indicate many people who have had such encounters are unwilling to release their names or many details, but some have turned to psychiatrists in an effort to learn how to deal with the experience.

"If we can accept abduction cases at face value then obviously we are talking about some experimentation going on. We even talk about interbreeding experimentation," Schmitt said during a previous interview.

"The thing is when you deal with the cases and you deal with the patterns of similarity, even when you go through where we have the witnesses sketch under regression their abductors... people from different backgrounds and traditions and drawing the same pictures."

"You sit there and these people are speaking under regression and they start reliving their experience. You

sit there and you can't help but wonder, 'Here I am sitting with this person and what if they actually have been, what if they actually were abducted, what if they actually were taken into a ship and physically examined and tested and here I am one step away from that phenomenon.'"

"I think I can confidently say that we (CUFOS) are of the position right now that the abduction cases are the UFO phenomenon. That that is the phenomenon. That the sightings and the photographs and the others are just maybe driving or passing by," Schmitt said.

### POST, Glenwood Springs, CO - May 14, 1987 UFO sightings continued

Residents and Glenwood Springs police officers reported seeing more strange green, red and white lights Wednesday night hovering over Storm King Mountain.

Reports of the mysterious lights have come to law enforcement authorities several times during the past few weeks, the last alleged sighting was about 11 p.m. Monday.

Glenwood Springs Police Chief Bob Halbert said residents called police dispatch about 10:45 p.m. Wednesday, saying they spotted three strange lights through their binoculars and a 60-power spotting scope. On-duty police officers responded to the call and also reported seeing the lights, Halbert said.

One light disappeared to the north, and the other two drifted westward, Halbert said.

Police contacted the North American Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs Wednesday night. NORAD staff suggested the strange lights could be related to clouds.

Halbert said skies were clear Wednesday night in Glenwood Springs.

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## Sampling the DNA

### INTRUDERS

*The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods.*

By Budd Hopkins.

Illustrated. 223 pp. New York:

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By Bettyann Kevles

JUST about every night television viewers are offered photographic essays on the lives of insects, birds or mammals. The specimens are often tagged in order to be followed or otherwise mildly inconvenienced. We are so used to the ways of ethologists that we can easily imagine a scenario in which humans are the species under observation and the scientists representatives of an alien life form, creatures as removed from us as we are from whales or moths.

"Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods" is ostensibly the documentation of a case for the existence of U.F.O.'s — unidentified flying objects — whose alien occupants abduct human beings whom they tag, follow through their reproductive years and force to participate in genetic experiments. Budd Hopkins, a sculptor and painter, acknowledges the zaniness of this claim. But he calls himself a skeptic and thus turns the tables on those who doubt him, accusing them of blind faith in the conventional.

Mr. Hopkins became interested in U.F.O.'s more than a decade ago and published an account of seven perplexing cases, "Missing Time," in 1981. Since then he has appeared on talk shows around the country, accumulating testimony from people who claim to have had similar experiences. Their stories echoed one another's until he met Kathie Davis, the central and pseudonymous figure in the events in Copley Woods (an undisclosed Midwestern suburb). Her story so expanded his understanding of what the U.F.O.'s are up to that he wrote another book.

Because "Intruders" is billed as popular science, not fiction, I have no qualms about revealing the plot. Mr. Hopkins skillfully describes his growing familiarity with Kathie's "dreams" and "memories," which he augments with interviews with her friends and family. Many of them turn out to have been abducted in much the same way but were not aware of their experiences until he probed. Mr. Hopkins moves on to people who do not know

Kathie or one another but who have contacted him and whose stories turn out to be very familiar.

All have seen the mysterious lights of U.F.O.'s and have been inside the vehicles as "guests" of aliens. The men were forced to give sperm or have intercourse with female aliens; the women had eggs removed from their ovaries or were impregnated only to have their fetuses removed after eight weeks. Mr. Hopkins leads the reader to the conclusion that the aliens are conducting genetic experiments in which they are introducing healthy human genes into their own worn-out DNA.

Mr. Hopkins shrugs away the larger implications of this thesis. On the contrary, he says he has no idea what the aliens ultimately intend or what can be done. Rather he focuses on their human victims who have suffered "a species of rape" (his metaphor). They have been violated by the aliens, and violated again by those who dismiss their reports as nightmares. Mr. Hopkins is so convinced that aliens are disrupting our lives he suggests their predations explain not only acute lifelong insomnia in most victims but the apparently unrelated rising tide of teen-age suicides.

Mr. Hopkins has changed the names and disguised the sites to protect his sources so the reader must accept his word for the evidence. I am willing to believe that he believes everything he has written. I am also willing to believe that Kathie and the others experienced inexplicable time losses and strange dreams that may not have been dreams. But I am wary of the accuracy of the information he gathered through hypnosis. This kind of testimony is disallowed in most courts because hypnosis is not thoroughly understood and has proved unreliable as a source of evidence. Witnesses recall events that never occurred, but that they are later, on being brought out of hypnosis, convinced really happened.

ALL these victims are white Americans. Are the aliens racists? And why now? Were there no visits before 1940, or did they just go unreported? And what about the genetic experiments? It is hard enough to create hybrids within animal life that has evolved on earth. It is difficult to imagine an alien life form whose genetic code could so easily mesh with our own.

Most of all, "Intruders" is too timely. It echoes our current preoccupation with recombinant DNA, animal behavior and species on the brink of extinction. But all Mr. Hopkins is asking for in these pages is a hearing, and he deserves that. His yarn is much too interesting to put down — even if afterward, mulling over the details, one has the familiar feeling of having read a good piece of fiction. □

Bettyann Kevles is the author most recently of "Females of the Species: Sex and Survival in the Animal Kingdom."

**An unidentified flying object** distinguished by a maze of lights hovered at about treetop level before disappearing from view in a matter of seconds, police said Thursday.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office received four calls from residents in the Citra area, about 15 miles north of Ocala, late Wednesday about a UFO. A deputy who dispatched also saw the object, said department spokesman Ken Ergle.

"He saw it hovering over the top of the treess, like it was following the railroad tracks," he said. "It had a red light on one side, a green light on the other, a white light in the front and a white light beaming down with sparks coming out of the back."

Ergle said the UFO made no noise and the deputy said it did not have the shape of any aircraft known to him.

"He said he couldn't really tell a shape other than where the lights were, and when it took off it was gone in a matter of seconds," Ergle said. "It took off at a high rate of speed toward the northwest, toward Gainesville."

Nearby military installations were contacted but all reported they did not have aircraft in the area.

Police have discontinued the investigation and simply classified the sighting as a UFO.

**The Associated Press**

**CORYDON, Ind.** — Reports of strange lights over Southern Indiana in recent weeks have stirred to action a national organization that investigates unidentified flying objects.

Described as glowing and blinking lights, the UFOs reportedly appeared almost nightly for more than two weeks near Mickey Shawler's house.

James Delehanty, a field operative for the Mutual UFO Network, spent two nights last week in the Harrison County community investigating the reports. He and other observers saw several airplanes, but nothing resembling the lights that

had been reported.

Ms. Shawler said the lights did appear last Thursday night, but not until around midnight, after the observers left.

"It's so frustrating," she said. "It's almost like they didn't want to come with all the people around."

But the lights have been seen by enough credible witnesses to generate an investigation by Delehanty's network, a 4,000-member international organization based in Texas.

The group was asked by the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle to check the Corydon reports.

Robert Gribble, a spokesman for the center, said his agency is a clearinghouse for UFO information in North America and uses the Mutual UFO Network as its investigative arm.

Ms. Shawler said she first saw the lights several months ago. The lights also have been reported by policemen and journalists.

Witnesses reported seeing as many as six lights or objects at one time. They are described as blinking lights in the sky or glowing orange balls. Ms. Shawler and at least one other witness said the phenomena have followed their cars.

"Everybody says, 'Mickey, you're crazy,'" Ms. Shawler said. "But once they see them, they

don't say that anymore."

Jackie Carpenter of the Corydon Democrat was one of the skeptics until she saw the lights two weeks ago.

Ms. Carpenter said the lights "hovered, rose, lowered, went sideways, disappeared and came back."

"It was really weird," she added.

Delehanty, a traffic manager with the Kentucky Air National Guard, said he plans to continue his investigation. He said other reports of glowing orange lights have also come in recently from the Indianapolis area and from Spencer, near Bloomington.

# UFO probers checked lights over Corydon



The Dallas Morning News: Paul Brown

In his new book, *Communion*, Whitley Strieber says that aliens whisked him from his bedroom.

## UFOs in Belleville?

HERALD-TELEGRAPH, Chippewa Falls, WI June 8, 1987 CR: R. Heiden

**BELLEVILLE, Wis. (UPI)** — The strange sightings over Belleville since Jan. 15 were not airplanes, stars or strange weather. In fact, they have been officially classified as Unidentified Flying Objects by an expert on UFOs.

Donald Schmitt, co-director of the Center for UFO Studies in Glenview, Ill., and a colleague Friday night gave a lecture about the sightings that began Jan. 15. He said 24 area citizens had witnessed several types of strange craft.

"It's a process of elimination," Schmitt said of his investigation into about six incidents near Belleville on the Green and Dane County line. "We have officially classified these as UFOs. An unknown. Belleville remains an active file."

Schmitt called the possibility that UFOs are visitors from space "the biggest story short of the second coming of Christ."

Schmitt said the first Belleville sighting Jan. 15, was by policeman Glen Kazmar, who watched a triangular pattern of red, white and blue lights from 8:30 p.m. to about 4:00 a.m. The object, Schmitt said, showed up on radar in Aurora, Ill.

Since that time, other residents have seen flying and floating objects.

Surveyor Harvey Funseth of Belleville testified briefly to the audience of about 300 that he had seen the UFOs March 6. The audience responded with enthusiastic applause.

In an interview Funseth recalled wondering, "My God, what is that?" while returning from work at 5:30 p.m. three miles north of Belleville. He said he saw four objects several miles away and after hovering for eight to 10 minutes, they moved silently over his head at several hundred miles an hour and disappeared.

It was his first and only experience with mysterious airborne objects.

"It doesn't keep me up at night," Funseth said, but neighbors tease him about his report.

Carter Pawlus, an engineer from Sheboygan who has been interested in UFOs for three decades, thinks the continuing reports have some substance, but would not speculate on the exact explanation.

## Author describes meeting with aliens

Strieber says 'Communion' isn't fiction

By Robert Compton  
Book Editor of The News

"Inside the room, I encountered two types of creature that did not look at all human. The most provocative of these was about five feet tall, very slender and delicate, with extremely prominent and mesmerizing black slanted eyes. This being had an almost vestigial mouth and nose."

That is author Whitley Strieber's description of the

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humanlike things that appeared in the bedroom of his upstate New York cabin one night a little more than a year ago, caused him to fly above the treetops to an unknown chamber and performed medical experiments on him. He was returned to his bedroom, safe but sore and naturally more than a little troubled.

Believe it or not.

The author of such best sellers-turned-into-movies as *The Wolfen* and *The Hunger*, Strieber has written about this 1985 experience and some previous and subsequent ones in *Communion*, just published by William F. Morrow & Co. and already in the No. 2 spot on the *New York Times* and Dallas-area best-seller lists.

Strieber says he didn't write fiction this time; he says it really happened. He has been hypnotized and studied by scientists, who say that Strieber believes his story.

The 41-year-old San Antonio native says the decision to write the book was not an easy one.

"I have lost friends over this," he says. "They thought I was crazy. I lost a publisher, who said this kind of book would destroy my career. I sent it to 13 publishing houses. Only four accepted it."

Strieber volunteers that "the book went for \$1 million. But I didn't do it for the money. I've had too much grief. I did it because it's important."

The public has been open-minded about the experiences detailed in his 299-page book, Strieber says.

"I've done some talk shows, and the people who call in are sympathetic and interested. Maybe subconsciously, people believe that their sense of self-worth is being threatened by superior beings."

Strieber maintains a deadly serious expression as he describes the events that led to the Dec. 26, 1985, meeting with the creatures.

He says he was awakened by a strange whooshing sound. In the dim light, he says, he saw a figure peering from behind the bedroom door. The figure rushed to his bed, and Strieber blacked out for an unknown time.

What he does remember is "far, far more disturbing."

He was naked, arms and legs extended, floating out of the room, paralyzed, perhaps being carried. He remembers sitting in the woods, with creatures around him. Then he was floating again, above the trees, coming to rest in a small, circular chamber, with tiny people moving around him at great speed. An operation was performed on his head and another on his body. As quickly as the experience began, it ended. He was back in his bedroom, waking to the morning light. Strieber says he was physically and mentally fatigued for several days.

Troubled, he sought help. Dr. Donald Klein, director of research of the New York State Psychiatric Institute, became Strieber's therapist and hypnotist. Klein, in a statement in *Communion's* appendix, says that Strieber is not suffering from a psychosis.

Under hypnosis, the author remembered other strange experiences dating from his childhood in San Antonio through his student days at the University of Texas at Austin. He also recalled that one of the alien visitors told him, "You are our chosen one."

Why Strieber? And for what purpose?

"I believe if I have been chosen, it is because I have a double career. I have written highly imaginative fiction and, with James Kunetka, I have written on scientific subjects," says Strieber. Perhaps, he thought, if he wrote about his encounters with these beings, it would encourage others who have had similar experiences to tell of them.

In the book, Strieber speculates: "I would not be at all surprised if the visitors are real and are slowly coming into contact with us according to an agenda of their own devising, which proceeds as human understanding increases."

Strieber expects debunkers. "They are, in their own way, superstitious about these kinds of things," he says. "Blanket suspicion and disbelief on the part of some people is as bad as those people who believe these things happen to them. Professional debunkers try to go into a person's background and find what they can to make him seem less than a reliable witness."

Strieber hopes to enlist others who have had similar experiences and to set up a center for study — preferably at a university.

"A study of these people by open-minded and humane scientists would be valuable. A government program would be very appropriate. But the time is not right for that just yet. The best resource would be a university program."

Strieber, on the last page of his book, invites readers to correspond with him and, dutifully, provides his address.

Meanwhile, he awaits further visits from those who have chosen him. He says his visitors returned to whisk him away again as recently as Dec. 23, 1986.

"I took my cat with me that time," he says. Seriously.

USA TODAY, Arlington, VA - July 15, 1987

### WISCONSIN

...WAUNAKEE — Police officers Scott McElroy, Kevin Plendl responded to calls of UFO sighting, said they watched bright, round object with red, blue flashing lights hover in sky for more than 3 hours.



# 10 years later...Dean Anderson's story continues

By KETA STEEB

Ten years ago this week the story of Dean Anderson's meeting with two extraterrestrial visitors was published in this newspaper. As a result of that story, Dean and his wife Barbara lost their membership in the Baha'i church and Dean almost lost his job as a Peninsula Park groundskeeper.

Peninsula Park, readers may remember, was where Dean claims to have met a woman named Treena and a man named Sunar whose home planets were Saturn and Jupiter respectively. The story also gave a detailed account of Dean's description of their spaceship.

It is now 10 years later but Dean's story and description haven't changed. He says Treena and Sunar are on an extended trip to another galaxy but other "Brothers and Sisters" are acting as his guardians.

"Since we last talked, a lot of developments have taken place," Dean says. "I've made several trips in space ships in the last 10 years with the most recent being about six weeks ago."

This conversation, like the last, takes place in the dining room of Anderson's Egg Harbor home in the presence of his wife Barbara. Dean again has his looseleaf notebooks filled with messages at his elbow and again talks freely about experiences most of us only read about in science-fiction books.

When asked why he is the only Door Countyite privy to the confidences of space aliens, Dean has a ready reply. He says seven local "representatives" were chosen but since the death of one particularly strong member four years ago, the number has dwindled to six. The other five, he says, have also been aboard space ships and have received many of the same messages (usually warnings) he has. Unfortunately, from the viewpoint of this writer, he is forbidden to reveal their names.

"Several other people in this area have met and talked with space visitors but have never known it," Dean continues. "I've seen them in restaurants and other public places and, unless you know better, they seem just like us."

Barbara says she caught a glimpse of one Brother at an Oshkosh restaurant a year ago when Dean, by pre-arrangement, had to go there for an important meeting.

"It took place in the men's room," she recalls. "I saw him out of the corner of my eye when he left and can only describe him as being tall and thin with dark hair and a rather pointed face."

Dean says all Brothers and Sisters speak a Solar tongue but have to learn English before they come here. Telepathy (reading thought waves) is another form of communication which Dean says is a God-given talent most of us have failed to use. As this interview continues, Dean stops at times to absorb telepathic messages which he says are coming from three protective space craft hovering six miles above his home.

They are there, he and Barbara believe, to protect the three of us from Black Forces which are trying to stop Dean's work. More information about this evil force is related later in the interview.

Dean says Door County is of particular interest to the Brothers and Sisters because of six fault lines lying deep in the Door peninsula—two in the water and four on land.

One, he says, lies in Lake Michigan, six miles due east of Baileys Harbor and one in Green Bay about one-quarter mile from the Egg Harbor-Ephraim shoreline. The main fault line (on land) is under County Trunk A, one is in Jacksonport and the others run along the water's edge from Egg Harbor to Jacksonport and from North Bay to Sevastopol, according to Dean.

These faults are of great concern to our space neighbors, he says, because the main fault extends to Kewaunee and Manitowish Counties—all the way to Chicago. Dean claims this fault lies under the Kewaunee and Two Creeks nuclear plants which is why both

plants are monitored by low flying spaceships night and day.

When reminded that geology maps show no fault lines in the eastern part of the state and geologists say none have ever been documented, Dean has a ready answer.

"They're down too deep and we don't have the type of equipment needed to detect them," he declares. "But they are well known to our space visitors."

Dean says sightings are frequently reported over Jacksonport because of the Indian burial grounds in that area. He claims that space visitors, sophisticated as they are, are learning from the Indian culture. This knowledge is being picked up "through the vibration of spirits."

"What bothers the inhabitants



DEAN & BARBARA ANDERSON

of other planets is our reckless disregard of the environment," he adds. "They laugh at our Star Wars program because they consider it child's play. Our Brothers and Sisters will never allow one civilization to blow up another but they are afraid of natural disasters, such as earth tipping on its axis before the year 2000."

He then explains that the Ashtar Command, which reportedly has 30,000 aircraft in the asteroid belt, is ready to evacuate a certain number of earthlings when this earth-tipping occurs. Not all, of course, are worth taking (good physical health is needed) but those who have passed the test will be taken to a safe environment which, according to Dean, can only be on huge mother ships.

"Our physical conditions have already been monitored by a disc so our Brothers and Sisters are aware of who will be taken and who will be left behind," Dean says, confident that he, as a messenger, will survive.

Dean believes his role as a messenger, with close ties to the planet Uranus, is why he was singled out to observe certain experiments and testing procedures aboard two different laboratory ships. The visit he claims to have made six weeks ago is described in the following graphic detail.

"One of the five (local representatives) drove me to a remote place in the country, not the park, and drove off. A scout craft picked me up in a three to four feet wide beam which encompassed my entire body and lifted me to the lab. I felt a rushing of air around me and a lifting sensation as if I were in the world's fastest elevator and within seconds I arrived at the lab's cleansing department."

"Everyone is clothed when they go through that department because you're engulfed in a beam of white light—no water nor soap is necessary—but you instantly feel peaceful, contented and free from care. Problems must not remain in your mind when you are aboard a space craft."

"Once cleansed, with your mind at ease, you walk with a Brother

into a small circular lounge, 20'x20', furnished with low, comfortable chairs made of a soft cloth material. There are no corners, no shadows in the room so light comes from all over. This light is like a rainbow, only predominately a light blue color.

"They don't have cigaret ashtrays but if you want a cigaret, which I don't, they will offer you a tray and they will also offer you a non-alcoholic fruit drink served in a heavy crystal glass. English is spoken on this ship and everyone is friendly."

"I was then taken into the laboratory where they were performing tests on fish which they had just beamed up from Lake Michigan. They can either catch fish this way or send a manned or unmanned scout into the water to take them. So many people living on the Lake Michigan shore have seen these craft come splashing down, they take them for granted."

"On this day, they found the pollution level quite high. Fish are one of God's natural foods which were placed in creation for people to eat. Those that are considered edible are taken aboard the mother ships in preparation for the evacuation. Grain and other natural foods are also being stored."

"I was only aboard 35 minutes at the most and we only went up about 60,000 miles but other trips have taken me to the far side of the moon and all around the Milky Way."

Dean says the Brothers' way of thinking is that pollution is due to over-population and they want us to take care of sanitation facilities before any more building takes place.

When reminded that these are also very real human concerns, Dean says that isn't all that's on the Brothers' minds these days. Another very real worry, he claims, is the lack of "oneness" in Door County. This lack of unity and refusal to believe we are stewards troubles space people immensely, according to Dean.

"Every being is supposed to understand nature's life but can't because they don't understand the creator. This refusal to identify ourselves as a part of creation and children of God's universal love has brought about the separation of religion."

The fact that so many of us put money before God's love is another thing that bothers our altruistic space friends, according to Dean. He says the Brothers don't get paid for flying around but all their needs are taken care of. The necessity of carrying money when they're placed on earth to mingle with us is therefore a great inconvenience.

As for the before mentioned Star Wars, Dean says if this government would disarm all weaponry, not to worry. If anything happens to us, the Ashtar Command will intercede because it's in charge of protecting civilization.

"If a natural catastrophe develops, they will immediately send in 10,000 evacuation ships for those worth taking. Those who harbor hatred won't be in that number."

Barbara, who is quiet during most of this conversation, interjects the comment that 78% of our population now believes there is life on other planets.

"Why should earth be the only one so honored?" she asks quietly.

During the past decade, Dean claims to have met with groups of 10 to 20 outer-space residents (ranging in age from 20 to 200) aboard mother ships and many others aboard smaller ships. There are, he says, 76 different types of space craft manned by Brothers and Sisters from different planets.

"There is death, as we know it, on these planets but it isn't permanent. The departure of the soul from the body is only temporary and after a period of time it returns into a new body. The whole goal of the universe is spiritual progress."

Although Barbara says she never knows when her husband is off on a space expedition, she can usually tell "by his relaxed demeanor" that he's undergone a wonderful experience.

The sole exception to these wonderful experiences is when the Black Force makes itself known.

Both Dean and Barbara have been hated because "we're working for the good of mankind" but is confident the Brothers will protect him from further harm. The Brothers, incidentally, informed Dean that when Barbara fell off a ladder and broke her hip in October, 1985, and when Dean broke his ankle in a similar fall in December, 1986, the Black Force caused both ladders to tip.

Known as Ethernians, this force comes from the only truly evil civilization in the universe, according to Dean. He recalls seeing their "black shiny space ship with four white circles spread around it" when the mother ship he was traveling in ran into its force field.

"It felt like hitting a 20-ft. thick cement wall at a speed of 100 miles per hour but the mother ship was built to take this turbulence. I never saw the crew but I have seen members of the Black Force right in this house, right in my bedroom."

Barbara, who may have been a witness to these nocturnal confrontations, was sleeping in another bedroom because of her broken hip, so we only have Dean's version of the visits. He says these evil beings came three different times, one at a time, to take him with them but when reminded that the Brothers wouldn't let that happen, they left.

Dean's special guardians, now that Treena and Sunar left, are Kalna and Millieu. He has a dearly prized picture of Kalna, which he says was taken aboard a mother ship. The picture is that of a beautiful, dark haired woman dressed in an exotic costume surrounded by what appears to be a shimmering frame of light.

Pictures are hard to take aboard space craft, Dean explains, because magnetic forces ruin most film. Kalna's picture is the only one he was able to have developed which is why he refuses to let it out of the house.

Dean says his most recent trip aboard a lab ship was far from the most interesting. The trip he took in 1979 (two years after the first story appeared) is still vividly remembered for the following reasons:

"I had seen a little girl in Mexico who had been cured of muscular dystrophy after being taken aboard a space ship so I was curious as to how it was done. The Brothers knew this so they arranged to have a nine-year-old girl with muscular dystrophy beamed up from Detroit with her mother. I was picked up at our usual meeting place."

"The little girl was taken into a small room, about 8'x10' with a flat table. The room was real light and there weren't many instruments but a big wire, three inches in diameter, extended from one wall and led to a round instrument on the table. The instrument looked like it could have been made of rubber."

"They laid the little girl on the table—she was fully dressed—and placed a glass shield over her body. A Sister dressed in a long white robe came in just then and pushed two buttons in a box on one side of the room. There was a bunch of buttons on the box but she only pressed two."

"The table rose from the floor and we were told to watch closely for the next 20 seconds while it was suspended in mid-air. The Sister pushed four other buttons and all of a sudden the little girl was hooked up to the wire in the wall and the entire apparatus lit up like a light bulb."

"Around the table was a blue-white aura and all we could see was the form of the little girl inside. Twenty seconds later, more buttons were pushed, the light went out and three or four seconds later, the blue-white color disappeared."

"Two fellows, shorter than the Sister, came into the room, picked the child off the table, stood her up and led her to her mother. She walked just like a normal person."

Dean says he, himself, has had his blood cleansed by the Brothers "to get rid of pollution" and during

the cleansing process, dormant cancer cells were detected and destroyed.

The role of a messenger, while obviously not an easy one to fulfill, is a vitally important role, according to Dean. One message the Brothers especially want to impress on earthlings is that there is no oil shortage but that oil should not be used as a source of fuel or energy.

"Energy is free," Dean insists. "Once the proper equipment is set up it can be easily harnessed as Tesla learned in the 19th century. If this government hadn't chosen Thomas Edison's generator system over Tesla's use of frequency waves to propel natural energy around the planet, we wouldn't be worrying about an oil shortage today."

Dean says both inventors, Edison and Tesla, worked side by side for awhile but Edison was the one who got the financing. He claims that if it had been the other way around, "free energy" would now be utilized by homes, factories, businesses, automobiles, etc. It would also be keeping our telephone system going.

"Mention also that I have only been taken to the first asteroid belt and have only been in this solar system thus far. A further trip into the solar system is scheduled in the near future but don't mention the miles from earth as it would only confuse people," he adds.

It should be noted that Dean, who still works at the golf course, did not seek out this reporter. He agreed to be interviewed only after permission was received from his "Brothers and Sisters" who want their messages revealed and understood.

This intent was made obvious, he claims, the time he had to meet with the Galactic Federation Council aboard a mother ship in late 1979. He describes the council as being made up of three women and six men all of whom reminded him of his responsibilities as a messenger.

"This was the only time I was the least bit afraid but they were not displeased with the article you wrote about me," he says. "They warned me my energies would be depleted while my work continued but said I had to relay their messages while there is still time."

The 1977 story "Created quite a rumpus" because it brought so many people to the golf course, Dean recalls. He says he almost lost his job the time the park phone line had to be kept open for Astronaut Donald Slayton's call. It took 20 minutes to find Dean and another 15 minutes for Slayton to relay his concerns.

"Don knew what was going on; he had seen a squadron of space craft on the moon, but warned me not to talk too much at this time because people are not ready for this information."

Dean says that when he flew over the moon he counted 27 ships in a row—out in the open—ready for an immediate departure if a catastrophe occurs. These ships, he says, are the ones Slayton and other astronauts would have seen on "the back side of the moon."

"But you have to realize these space ships are not out in the open all the time," he adds. "They are placed in underground hangars, next to the living quarters, when they are in need of repair."

Reiterating his belief that time is running out for Planet Earth because of the projected turn of the axis (which last took place 26,000 years ago), Dean wants people to know that far from being "alien forces" the Brothers and Sisters of other planets are our friends. The sole exception, of course, is the Black Force.

Dean Anderson knows only too well that the role of the pathfinder is a difficult role but says it's the only role he knows.

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## A communication

Dean Anderson says the publication of the following communication, received from his space Brothers and Sisters following last Thursday's interview, is also a vital part of his story.

"The civil laws and social standards of little planet earth do not mean a thing. Humans on earth are constantly creating new laws to further restrict themselves. People have become slaves of the systems and wealth they have created. Their souls, minds and bodies have been sold into the systems as slaves in which they have no say of this life's unnatural violation evil forces.

Through ignorance, ego, hate, greed, selfishness, aggression, materialism and lack of knowledge of the Creator or Infinite Intelligence, people have brought about the hasty growth of modern technology. Because of this haste, science and religion have become out of balance on the planet. Science has soared ahead and forgotten about religion in the creative technology.

God is the fulcrum of all balanced forces. On planet earth, money is God, not the Creator or Infinite Intelligence.

In this county, people had better wake up and know who their creator is before this beautiful county is destroyed by its own people and natural causes. Time is running out and short for any big major changes to take place to save it. Money cannot save it.

The county creation is degenerating its beauty rapidly. Nature can tell you this. It's time to use to Creator's way now in all endeavors activated."

## UFOlogists charge government cover-up

By ROBERT GREENE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Researchers, trying to document that the government recognizes the existence of unidentified flying objects, believe that Washington has tried to keep UFO information under wraps.

"We've been dealing with a kind of cosmic Watergate," said UFO researcher Stanton Friedman at a briefing Friday on this weekend's "International Symposium on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, 1947-1987."

Friedman is one of the scheduled participants in the weekend session at American University coinciding with the 40th anniversary of the first reported UFO sighting on June 24, 1947.

A later incident that summer was the alleged crash in July of an alien craft outside Roswell, N.M. The so-called "UFOlogists" contend that the government retrieved the crashed object and covered up all traces of it.

Friedman said that the government has

been able to keep the lid on its UFO program, which began with the so-called Majestic 12 group under the Eisenhower administration, because only a few people keep the information.

The only reference to the group in official government documents is a declassified July 14, 1954 letter from Robert Cutler, special assistant to the president, to Gen. Nathan Twining, with a reference to an "MJ-12" briefing.

The "Majestic" group, however, is identified in a "briefing document" on UFO research that a UFO researcher learned about when he received an unsolicited package of film copies of the documents in the mail 2½ years ago. The researchers won't say they are certain the copies are of authentic documents, but they say they have no reason to believe they are phony.

The session is sponsored by the Fund for UFO Research Inc. in Mount Rainier, Md.

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## Plane-old UFOs light up switchboards

By Trink Guarino  
News-Times staff

DANBURY — Brenda Hrostek was sitting in her back yard on Joe's Hill Road when she saw a line of lights in formation suddenly appear over the tops of the trees behind her house.

One of her dogs began barking madly. The others stood transfixed.

Moving slowly but steadily in Hrostek's direction, the lights appeared to hover over her patio. She could hear a low drone.

The object was low enough that she could see a large section in the

underside that looked something like a trap door.

That's when Hrostek got scared.

"It was definitely not a plane or a group of planes. All I could think of was that it was a UFO and they were coming to get me," Hrostek said.

She is one of about 30 people who called The News-Times late Thursday night and yesterday morning to report a UFO sighting. State police in Southbury also reported receiving several phone calls.

Craig Stenner, 17, of Thunder Ridge Road, saw a circle of orange and red lights heading toward New-

town High School. He called his friends, who saw it too.

"At least I know I wasn't having vision problems," Stenner said.

"Whatever it was, it was very large and flying very low," Hrostek said. "I hate to sound like a lunatic or something, but whatever this was, it was very weird."

Whatever Hrostek and Stenner saw, Jim Fontana, a controller at Danbury Airport saw it too.

"Yeah," he said with a laugh. "The creatures that came out of it were three feet high and green with great big eyes, but they spoke pretty good English."

Fontana was on his way home from work at about 10 p.m. Thursday when he sighted six small planes flying in close formation with their landing lights on.

"I couldn't tell what kind of planes they were, but at least one was a Cessna," Fontana said.

The planes had green and red lights on their wing tips, he said.

Fontana and Brian Twomey, also a controller at Danbury Airport, say they have years of experience with the pilots.

"They've been around before," Twomey said. "It's just a bunch of pilots, flying out of several different

airports, who are having some fun."

They are not breaking the law, "but they are certainly attracting attention," Twomey said.

Some of the pilots take off from Stormville Airport in Dutchess County, N.Y., Twomey said. But an airport spokesman said no planes had either taken off from or landed at Stormville late Thursday night.

State police at Brewster had a good laugh over the whole thing, they said.

"We expect to make several arrests later today," the dispatcher joked. "They arrested 22 aliens yesterday in New York City."

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## 'Dear Joe: I've got a big problem with UFOs, however. I saw 'em.'

I said I wanted to hear from people who had undergone strange encounters — of the kind usually referred to as UFO sightings. For my trouble, I received warnings: "We're going to miss you. . . . You won't have time for your family, friends, your religion, etc. — not to mention your job. Kooks on both sides of the UFO craze will shower you with trash. . . . Hang onto your marbles; you're in for a mind-blowing experience."

For my trouble, I received messages from people with Jonah-like reluctance to bear witness: "Now Joe, let me tell you that I completely sympathize with your skeptical opinion of UFOs. Wheel of



Joe Mooney

Fortune, Television Evangelists, and the Reagan Administration make skepticism a very wise bet. Some people don't even believe that Lotto and Longacres are honest, let alone spirit channeling. I've got a big problem with UFOs, however. I saw 'em."

Naturally, I received sarcasm: "Send \$500 full pay 10 word story intergalactic flying rutabaga upper Washougal Exclusive your paper movie rights reserved."

I received social and political commentary: ". . . Why would any aliens take us seriously when they can readily see that we are barbarians: We fail to look after our poor who are forced to sleep in cars or under cardboard near Pioneer Square. . . . No, thank you. If I were an alien, I'd avoid those two-legged beasts on earth with the white shirts and neckties."

The same writer, a man with a Ph.D. in psychology, added some commentary from his field: "Psychology, drugs, and natural phenomena will explain most

unusual incidents. The real ones — for a person raised with star wars, etc. — might seem suspiciously ordinary. So I saw a flying saucer (he reports that he did) — big deal! When are we going to stop building cruise missiles and decide to build the tools of a peaceful world? That's the burning issue. Doesn't anyone see the smoke?"

I received business propositions: "I will buy you lunch if you will hear my story about when I thought I was a UFO after drinking a jar of jungle juice in New Guinea during WWII."

What I did not receive was a single reference to a green man (or woman or leafy vegetable). With one exception, the objects sighted were all flying, and any presumed operators of these objects remained discreetly inside.

The lone exception involved no visible aliens, but it did involve what was described as "a big ship" sitting on the ground. It was reported by a woman who phoned and said she took notes on the

incident, which occurred just outside the Whidbey Island Naval Station on Feb. 5, 1976.

The woman and her husband had gone to visit some friends whose house was "about a block and a half" from the naval station.

When the woman arose to use the bathroom during the night, she saw a bright light outside the window at the end of the hallway. "I went to the window," she said, "and there, good Lord, on the ground sat a big ship, a good big ship, in a light like a flame. . . . I couldn't move, I was so horrified."

When the woman finally did move, she fetched her husband, who arrived just as "the fluorescence started disappearing. It started to fade. The ship stayed right there, on the spot, but it just faded out."

That's the closest (and strangest) of the encounters anyone shared with me. The others fall into the category of "sightings" more than encounters. The bulk of them occurred near military installations and seemed more puzzling than anything else to the people reporting them.

I don't know what any of this proves, but I'd like to close with a paragraph from a man who, in December of 1954, was instructing advanced aviation students out of the U.S. Naval Air Station at Hutchinson, Kan., when he was ordered to chase some "unusual lights" that were widely observed and reported on the night in question. After describing, at length and in detail, what proved to be a fruitless chase, he writes:

"Anyway Joe, you are free to remain a skeptic about form and bodies and the like, but you had best adapt to the belief that there are phenomena out there — they do exist, they are real. Reliable people have observed them for many years. And for lack of a better term, they are referred to as UFOs."

■ Joe Mooney is a staff columnist who writes three times a week in the P-I.

## UFO conference slated

The eighth annual Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation, July 9 to 11 at UW will feature a speaker from the Esalen Institute in California and James W. Deardorff, professor of atmospheric science at Oregon State University.

The subject of UFOs is once again a hot topic this year, in part due to a best-selling book on the subject, "Communion."

Some UFO investigators and "contactees" say that alien visitors are subtly influencing human events. The Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation in the past has largely been a conference for contactees. The UFO movement has evolved over the years into a

new age of consciousness movement brought to widespread public attention in a book and later a television mini-series by Shirley MacClain.

Some of the workshops and sessions at the Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation are only meant for those who have registered for the UFO conference. Other sessions are open to the general public and are free. Early registration (before June 8) costs \$25 and is made through Conferences and Institutes on campus, 766-2124.

The sessions, except the banquet, will be held in the School of Extended Studies on Fraternity Row. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, but pre-confe-

rence hypnosis sessions and a hypnosis workshop will be held on July 6, 7 and 8.

Past life and future dreams as well as informal discussions will be held on Friday.

The first event open to the public will be Deardorff's presentations from 7 to 10 p.m.

A closed session will be held from 9 a.m. to noon the next day, followed by another public presentation from noon to 5 p.m., featuring UFO contactees from around the nation.

A banquet dinner will follow at 6 p.m. and the keynote speaker, Keith Thompson, a hypnotherapist and writer from the Esalen Institute, will talk at 8 p.m. Later, the comedy troupe Ersatz Dodo will perform.



# LOOK! UP IN THE SKY!



Staff illustration by MAL THORNHILL

## Is it a bird? A plane? Or is it a spaceship? To many, the idea isn't alien

By FRED KIRSCH  
Staff writer

**L**ONG-TIME UFOLOGISTS have been reporting some strange life forms lately.

Most of these forms have been described as "distinctly intelligent," between 5 and 6 feet tall, with hair on their heads and talking through small openings in their faces. They've been observed all over the planet: Washington, Los Angeles, New York, even Hampton Roads.

The humanoids, say UFO watchers, haven't been so quick these days to shoot down UFO theories and the possibility that extraterrestrial beings just might be among us.

Great Scotty.

"People don't roll their eyes and give you that 'oh, sure' look anymore," says Richard Hall, a 56-year-old ab-

stractor/indexer from Maryland and a member of the National Investigations Committee for Aerial Phenomena. "Years ago, people didn't give us much credibility. But now people are much more willing to entertain our theories and talk about things. Now they're saying 'Too many people have seen too many things. There's got to be something to all this.'"

UFO waves, or flaps of interest as they are known, have come spinning into view every decade since the 1940s and then have, poof, disappeared at Warp Factor 9.

But perhaps no flap has been greater than the latest one: on Nov. 17, a Japan Airlines jumbo jet was followed for nearly 400 miles by "a walnut-shaped spaceship the size of two aircraft carriers."

It has triggered much UFO interest, accounts of abductions by ETs and a

pile of books — about 15 are expected to come off the presses this year.

According to veteran UFOlogists, what's more important is that it may bring us closer to The Answer. And, unlike the other flaps, this one may not blow away for a long time.

"This is going to be a very big thing for us," says Walt Andrus of Sequin, Texas, director of the Mutual Unidentifiable Flying Objects Network (MUFON), which logs and investigates the thousands of sightings reported every year. "The books and the public awareness are going to focus tremendous attention on what we're doing. It's going to mean more money for the Fund for UFO Research (based in Mount Rainier, Md.). As it is, there is very little money spent on UFO research. That's been one of the things that has greatly hampered our efforts."

"It's also going to get more people

looking up in the sky. Sure, some are going to report a UFO and it will turn out to be the Goodyear Blimp. And we'll hear about little green men. It happens all the time. But we're also going to get more and more very solid, well-documented cases. Every time we do, we win over more and more converts."

For nearly 30 years after that day in 1947 when Kenneth Arnold looked up toward Washington state's Mount Rainier and saw nine "saucerlike" objects hovering over the mountain, UFOlogists were considered to be, well, space cadets.

However, a Gallup poll taken in 1979 revealed that 59 percent of Americans believed there were such things as UFOs. Andrus says it's probably closer to 75 percent today.

Norfolk artist Arlene Cohen and Air Force electrical engineer Richard Dickson haven't had "a true UFO experience." Yet they believe.

"There's a tremendous credibility now for UFOs," says the 42-year-old Cohen, whose art is widely exhibited in Hampton Roads. "And it's not just among the art community. It's in the scientific community, too."

"I think it has to do with the renewed interest in magic and things from the past that are prevalent today. People are willing to suspend the need to give scientific explanations for every happening. How do you explain things like the pyramids? Don't tell me the Egyptians did them."

"Something is happening out there that is beyond what we're capable of understanding right now. . . . The biggest obstacle to unraveling this is ourselves. But we're close."

Dickson, who frequently searches the skies over Hampton Roads with his telescope, also feels it is a matter of when, not if.

"There something going on," says the 38-year-old Air Force captain who's been interested in UFOs for more than a decade. "Whether it's natural phenomenon or extraterrestrials or what, I don't know. But the evidence is pretty strong that something is happening. I don't hear a lot of the classic arguments I used to hear. Like 'How did these objects travel this distance?' I think we understand we can't apply the standards to these things that we operate by."

"It's more remarkable to me that many people have never seen a meteor in the sky. Tons of them drop from the sky and lots of people have never seen one. But if you ask them if they believe in them, they would say yes. I think any reasonably intelligent person has to be curious about UFOs."

### Flaps over UFOs

Hard-core skeptics still point to the same things. Where are UFOs between flaps? And where is the smoking gun — or the smoking spaceship? Or the scorch marks left behind by reported UFOs that have landed.

"UFOs don't come and go. The coverage does," says Andrus, who saw his first and only UFOs on Aug. 15, 1948, when he looked up into the Arizona sky. He saw "four dull, silver balloons bobbing in the sky and then disappear. Or I thought they had disappeared. But when I walked to the side and looked up, they popped up one by one. They were thin discs which had turned on their sides."

According to Andrus, after a thorough explanation of the reported sightings that come in to the UFO Hotline in Seattle (1-206-722-3000), about 80 percent to 90 percent turn out to be IFOs — Identifiable Flying Objects — leaving "several hundred that turn out to be very solid cases in support of UFOs."

"It's sort of like the tree falling in the forest," says Andrus. "If an unusual event occurs like the sighting by the Japanese Airlines plane, then we get publicity and everyone starts hearing about reports. Flaps are actually the creation of the public. UFOs are out there every day."

Sixty-five percent of sightings take place at night and involve unusual activity ("I thought it was a meteor when, all of a sudden, it made a right-hand turn") or an unusually shaped object that appears for a brief period and disappears. An extremely small percent of all sightings involve UFOs that land. And, say UFO experts such as George Fawcett, assistant area director for MUFON in Lincolnton, N.C., reports of actual aliens are rare.

"They get the most publicity," says Fawcett, 56, who owns a sub sandwich shop with a UFO Room. "Most people, though, see the same type person. Short. Picture Mickey Rooney with a high forehead, wraparound eyes and wearing a silver suit. And they almost always have slits for eyes and a mouth. No lips so to speak."

Virginia has what Fawcett calls "a rich UFO history." He himself went from being "a skeptic to a non-skeptic in the space of 4½ minutes" when, on July 10, 1951, he saw an orange disc looming above the administration building of Lynchburg College.

Probably the most famous sighting occurred over the Chesapeake Bay in 1952 when two Pan-American pilots saw a number of "objects" flying in formation outside their window.

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Among other more unusual sightings in Virginia:

■ In 1964, an "occupant" encounter was reported near Staunton by several people who saw an alien alight from a spaceship. According to Fawcett, who keeps extensive files on sightings, the creature "looked pretty much like they all do."

■ In 1965, a "rash of sightings" was reported by Norfolk residents.

■ Two years later, according to author/UFO expert Larry Bryant of Alexandria, a Chesapeake man, who has never been located since, was abducted by aliens.

■ In South Hill in the same year, residents reported "a disc" landed, scorching the road and setting a field on fire. "All the livestock and animals on the farm," says Fawcett, "were so terrified they couldn't make a sound."

■ In 1973, a Richmond motorist reported "a confrontation" with a UFO.

## Calls on sightings

While UFO watchers say it's been relatively quiet in Virginia the last few years, it doesn't mean that the UFO radar screen hasn't had its share of blips.

Robert Hitt, director of the Chesapeake planetarium, receives calls several times a year from people who have seen unusual objects in the sky.

"One person not long ago insisted she saw a craft land and someone got out and drove away in a van," says Hitt. "Another told me that there was a UFO that landed on a regular schedule. Most of them are about strange activity in the sky and they come from very well meaning, sincere people. I don't doubt what they say they have seen."

What Hitt, many other scientists and the U.S. Air Force doubt is the interpretation of what's been seen. According to the Air Force, from 1948 through 1983, it investigated some 12,618 sightings of UFOs and was able to explain all but 701.

"Many things that appear to be truly mystifying often have an explanation that is very remarkable but perfectly natural," says Hitt. "I remember one case several years ago in Australia where bright lights were seen on the horizon. It turned out to be the lights on a fishing fleet several thousand miles away. The lights were being reflected off the atmospheric layers."

"And sometimes it can be much simpler than that. One time I was in the Greenbrier section of Chesapeake and I saw a circle of lights moving round and round and approaching me. There wasn't any noise I could detect. They kept spinning. I started breathing a little bit faster thinking 'This could really be something.'"

It was.

A Piper Cub plane that had an advertising sign trimmed with strobe lights under its wings.

"People who argue the existence of UFOs point to the mathematical probability that life exists other than on our planet," Hitt says. "So it's highly likely there are UFOs. But by the same token, those mathematics also point to the unlikelihood that we've been visited by so many space ships."

## Evidence available

And, of course, say the skeptics, there is still no hard evidence. For that, say UFOlogists such as Virginia aviation writer Don Berliner, ask the Air Force. Berliner, Bryant and others contend the Air Force has both remnants and bodies from UFO crashes stashed at Hampton's Langley Air Force Base and other bases around the country.

"For one," says Berliner, "there was a crash in New Mexico in 1947 that the government has every scrap from. And there have been others. . . Why are they holding such information? I don't know. Maybe they know too much or maybe

they don't have any idea what it all means and are still trying to unravel it."

MUNFO and groups such as Bryant's Citizens Against UFO Secrecy have tried, to no avail, to bring suit against the Air Force, demanding that the government surrender any and all extraterrestrials it has found in crash landings over the years.

UFOlogists are hopeful that the Great Flap of '86-'87 will help to bring enough pressure on the government to "reveal what they know."

However, George Eberhart, librarian for the Center for UFO Studies in Glenview, Ill., and author of the two-volume "UFOs and Extra Terrestrial Contact Movement" (Scarecrow Press, \$97.50), just smiles when he hears skeptics maintain that without evidence, UFOlogists have no case.

"Yes, they have their points," says Eberhart. "But the problem is that 20th century scientists often forget there is going to be a 21st century science and a 22nd century science where standards will be different. Try to think of just on this planet, of 200 years ago trying to accept the idea of air travel from continent to continent. That required an enormous leap of reasoning."

"Not long ago, the idea we could go to the moon required a quantum leap in our thinking. So the idea of going to the stars for us is a 10-quantum leap. No question of that. But maybe we're going to have to make that leap in our thinking. How else are we going to explain these things?"

*The International Symposium for UFOs, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the "modern age" of UFO sightings, will be held June 26-28 at American University in Washington D.C. Those interested in attending should write to Fund for UFO Research, P.O. Box 277, Mount Rainier, Md. 20712.*

# Even skeptics captivated by tale of close encounter

By DARYL GIBSON  
Camera Staff Writer

Just when you thought everyone who believed in UFOs was a kook, along comes Whitley Strieber.

Strieber — the respectable author of the best-selling peace novel "Warday," a guy who wears suits and doesn't have mutilated cattle in his yard, a guy who looks for all the world like a Wall Street broker — Whitley Strieber has been kidnapped by aliens.

At least he thinks that is one explanation for the paranormal experience that is the subject of his best seller, "Communion."

He held a capacity audience in the palm of his hand at the University of Colorado's Conference on World Affairs on Wednesday. Even the skeptics had to go away thinking Strieber was on to something.

That was because Strieber is a skeptic himself.

"I am not a flying saucer buff," he began.

But he got very interested on Dec. 26, 1985. That night, Strieber awoke to a loud rustling noise in his upstate New York house. Standing in the doorway of his bedroom, he said, was a 3½-foot-tall figure wearing a helmet and shield.

The little something-or-other rushed into his room, followed by a horde of little something-or-others wearing "blue coveralls with lots of pockets on them."

Strieber jumped out of his bed and flung off his pajamas (he still isn't sure why) and the little creatures carried him outside into the woods. The next thing he knew, he was in a stuffy little room with a big creature with dark eyes. "We're going to operate on your brain," the creature said.

Like any normal person would, Strieber began to scream.

"What can we do to help you stop screaming," whispered a voice.

"You could let me smell you," Strieber answered. Why? In retrospect, the author figures that he couldn't trust his eyes and he couldn't move his hands, so his sense of smell was the only thing left.

He sniffed the alien ("a mild smell, cheesy") and the next he knew he was sitting naked on his living room couch with "a horrible taste in my mouth."

Strieber went to bed and when he woke up the next morning, all he could remember was those big, dark eyes.

The details slowly came back to him, with the help of a psychiatrist and hypnosis. Now Strieber is convinced he has been having



Camera staff photo by Julie Sotomura

**WHITLEY STRIEBER:** Best-selling author says he has repeatedly come in contact with aliens.

close encounters his whole life and he claims he continues to have them. The most recent was two weeks ago in New York City, he said, but he refused to explain it.

Strieber has a few explanations other than just bad pizza. The visitors could be from another planet. They could be time travelers from another age. They could be some dimension of Earth that normal people can't fathom. His experience could have been caused by some natural phenomenon. Or, Earth dwellers could be the "larvae" form of higher beings that earthlings don't understand any more than the caterpillar understands the butterfly.

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# Meeting planned to explain UFOs

BELLEVILLE, Wis. (AP) — A policeman reported a strange, inexplicable cluster of lights in the sky. Others told of watching an object the size of a jumbo jet fuselage — but with no wings — take off soundlessly and soar overhead.

Now those who reported seeing strange lights or other objects in the area of this southern Wisconsin community earlier this year hope a meeting next month can help explain what they saw, or, at least, what they might have seen.

Marian Anderson, who has helped the Center for UFO Studies coordinate its investigation into the sightings, said the meeting at the Belleville High School June 5 will feature the center's report on the sightings.

Don Schmitt, co-director of the Glenview, Ill.-based center, will take part, along with investigator Richard Heiden, she said.

In the Belleville area, "the reports (of sightings) were very concentrated for about three months," Ms. Anderson said. "It started about mid January and went to about early April."

Police Officer Glen Kazmar said Tuesday he plans to attend the meeting to learn "what this supposedly expert outfit is going to say."

He reported seeing a cluster of red, blue and white lights while on the job late on the night of Jan. 15. The lights, he said, remained stationary and then moved away.

"In all my 11 years as a police officer, I never saw anything like that," he said, adding that a neighbor accompanying him in the patrol car as part of the city's "ride-along" program saw the same thing, even though Kazmar never pointed it out to him.

Lavonne Freidig, a member of a state legislator's staff in Madison, said she plans to be at the meeting.

She said she was looking out her patio doors on the west edge of Belleville March 6 at about 5:45 p.m. when she saw a strange thing hanging in the air above the tree line.

"It was like the size of a jet plane's fuselage, but there were no wings on it," she said. "It had three round cylinders

attached to it, directly underneath it."

She said the large top portion took off, leaving the other three parts behind, and then they too disappeared, leaving three smoke rings.

"One minute they were there; the next minute there were smoke rings," she said.

She said Harvey Funseth was about five miles north of Belleville when "he saw it, too."

Funseth, an employee of the state Department of Transportation, confirmed that he and a friend watched an object of a similar form for several minutes before it flew out of sight.

He described it as similar to a jumbo jet airliner, but "wider than a jumbo jet body, with no wings, and just one little light in the front."

"I have the names of three other groups of people who saw it, too," Ms. Anderson said of the March 6 reports.

She said her own interest in UFOs dated back to 1947, when she and others watched silvery, soundless objects fly over Stoughton, 20 miles east of Belleville.

"There were nine of them, in a perfect row," she said. "We stood on the corner on Main Street and watched them go over our heads."

Ms. Anderson, of Madison, said she has read extensively on UFOs since about the mid 1970s.

CR: R. Heiden



# New efforts planned to photograph strange lights in Southern Indiana

By BILL WERONKA  
Staff Writer

CORYDON, Ind. — The strange lights that have been seen in the sky near Corydon continue to attract attention and investigation.

The latest investigation of the light phenomena, or unidentified flying objects, will send Dr. Burt Monroe and two of his colleagues to the site tonight. Monroe, chairman of the biology department at the University of Louisville, also is Kentucky director of the Mutual UFO Network.

The network is an international organization that investigates sightings of unidentified flying objects, or UFOs.

Monroe hopes to capture one of the lights on infrared film.

"I have never seen any strange

lights," Monroe said. "I did see a light I couldn't explain while I was on Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa once. But that may have been a balloon."

Jim Delehanty, a field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, said a military journalist from Fort Knox came to Corydon recently and took a picture of the lights with infrared film. But, Delehanty said, no lights appeared on the developed film.

Delehanty is collecting reports from all those who saw the lights. He then will prepare a report for the UFO network's Indiana headquarters.

The lights have been seen regularly near the home of Mickey Shawler, who lives near New Middletown, about 12 miles southwest of Louisville. Shawler first saw the or-

ange glowing lights March 9. They appeared for 15 consecutive nights before bad weather disrupted that regularity. They have begun returning regularly at night for the past two weeks, Shawler said.

Monroe said there were similar sightings of orange lights in Powell County, Ky., about 100 miles to the east, just before the Corydon sightings.

Since the first story about the sightings, The Courier-Journal has received numerous calls and letters describing similar sightings or offering explanations.

One man said garbage bags illuminated by candles are often rigged up and floated through the area.

Others report that they have seen unexplainable "orange glows" in the sky more than once over the last 10 years in Southern Indiana.

# UFO sightings still a mystery even to experts

By SHARON L. SCHMELING  
Capital Times Staff Writer

BELLEVILLE — It wasn't a flock of geese, a weather balloon, an airplane or a falling star.

It was a UFO.

That's the expert report on the Jan. 15 sightings of strange, lighted objects above Belleville, Barneveld, Mt. Horeb and New Glarus.

But let's think that spaceships and extraterrestrials have invaded the farm communities nestled in the rolling hills of south central Wisconsin, remember that UFO means "unidentified flying object."

In other words, they don't know what it was that people saw, which itself is a bit strange, since 90 percent of the time the experts can come up with a logical explanation.

"People have a misconception that if you say 'UFO,' you mean a spaceship. That's not true. A UFO is just an unexplained occurrence," said Don Schmitt, co-director of the widely respected Center for UFO Studies in Chicago.

"We have to have a landing and, obviously, physical evidence to say something is a spaceship," said Schmitt, who investigated the sightings.

"We've been working on this since the middle of January. Fortunately, it's all died down within the last month."

Schmitt will give a detailed explanation of his investigation June 5 at a 7 p.m. press conference in the Belleville High School gym. The public is invited.

(He also will be a guest this Friday on the Oprah Winfrey show to discuss cases of people who claim to have been abducted by ETs. The program will be shown in Madison at 10 a.m. on WKOW-TV/Channel 27.)

The ruckus over UFOs began on Jan. 15 when Belleville police officer Glen Kazmar reported seeing a clump of red, white and blue lights hovering over the town.

"When the object was observed moving, it moved all at once. It was hovering for quite some time. Then it started moving and Kazmar followed it with the squad car and radioed to their dispatcher," Schmitt said.

Schmitt said he found Oregon and Fitchburg police officers who sighted objects that night that matched the description Kazmar gave.

According to witnesses, the object was a large, dark cylindrical object with red, white and blue lights that moved soundlessly without creating air turbulence, Schmitt said.

Between Jan. 15 and March 21 the center received about two dozen reports of similar sightings. However, Schmitt said, the center determined that "the most reliable, credible sightings occurred the first night."

One of the first steps in Schmitt's investigation was to check whether the object was tracked on air traffic radar screens. "Obviously, when you have radar confirmation it certainly helps determine something was there," he said.

The FAA Center in Aurora, Ill. monitors all air traffic between airports in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana. The center confirmed that a target was moving southwest into Green County on the night of Jan. 15.

Schmitt's next step was to determine whether the target was conventional air traffic, including weather or hot air balloons or the Goodyear blimp.

"We do explain 90 percent of the cases we get, and most of the time they are nothing but misinterpretations or conventional aircraft or natural phenomena like planets or shooting stars," he said.

Since the object was reportedly seen in the same area from 8:30 p.m. to 3:20 a.m., Schmitt checked airport refueling records. "Nothing can stay up in the air for eight hours without refueling," he pointed out.

The next check was whether the object could be a natural astronomical phenomenon like a meteor, a bright star, or the normal night sky. For example, Schmitt said, "Mars would have been visible at that time."

Schmitt said a University of Wisconsin-Madison astronomy professor told him the sightings were a star in the Orion constellation.

But, Schmitt said, "that was the first thing we ruled out. Also, stars are not picked up on radar."

Determining the character and reliability of witnesses, he said, also is a key part of his investigation. Schmitt tries to rule out those who might be tempted to "throw pie plates into the sky and photograph them."

"As far as our investigation has transpired, we've taken it as far as we've taken any investigation."

At this time, the UFO sightings remain unexplained, he said.

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In High School Gym

## Area UFO Sightings Is Topic Of Friday Meeting

by Michael Burke

Considering how unworldly, or just plain unbelievable, many people in this area found this spring's spate of UFO sighting reports, they may find the message of this Friday evening's program in Belleville surprising.

One of the major points of the June 5 press conference/public program by the Center for UFO Studies, organization co-director Don Schmitt said last week, will be: legitimate UFO sightings simply are not as unusual as most people think.

"We'd like to discard the notion that it's something unusual, that Belleville was part of a rare situation," Schmitt said in an interview.

This Friday evening, the Center will hold a press conference from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at the Belleville High School gymnasium, followed by a public program on UFOs. Because of a costly gym rental fee, Schmitt said the Center will be forced to charge admission of \$2 per adult and \$1 per student.

The conference/program will include the Center's conclusion regarding the almost two dozen reported sightings in the Belleville/New Glarus/Monticello area earlier this spring, Schmitt explained. The report will be the result of six visits by Schmitt and five by the Center's investigative team.

The Center for UFO Studies is a private, non-profit organization, founded by Dr. Hynek, a consultant to the Air Force in a UFO investigative project. It publishes a bimonthly magazine, "The International UFO Reporter," which is "always rated number-one" among UFO publications, Schmitt said. The White House directs all UFO reports to the Center for UFO Studies, he added.

The radar tracking of the first publicized sighting, by Belleville police officer Glen Kazmar, "makes it a good sighting," Schmitt said. "If it weren't for that, we probably wouldn't have paid much attention to it except as another report."

Schmitt continued, "We get a lot of nocturnal light reports. . . Lights at night can be a lot of things."

However, the radar tracking and the number of good sightings convinced the UFO center that this spring's UFO activity here was more than mass delusion. In fact, the Center investigated yet another, possibly unpublished, UFO report by a police department near the end of the sighting report streak.

That case closely resembled that of Kazmar and his ride-along companion, Schmitt said. It occurred at night about the third week of March and was seen by two Verona police officers.

One of them tried to pursue the object after it descended behind a hill and hovered above a field. However, the object, which appeared as red, blue and white lights, outdistanced the officer and disappeared, according to the report. Neither officer was able to discern a shape or hear a sound.

Friday's program will include a history of UFO activity in Wisconsin and elsewhere, using charts, drawings and maps, Schmitt said. The group will also provide a chronological list of the cluster of area sightings.

"We feel we owe it to the people — it was a hot topic of conversation — to give them our final analysis," Schmitt said.

Another aspect of the program which should be of interest will be the Center's conclusions about last November's reported UFO encounter by a large Japanese airliner over Alaska. The Center's conclusions differ radically from those of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) following its investigation.

Schmitt said the FAA and other government agencies, "They play on the naivete of the media and the public." Referring to the FAA conclusion that the sighting was merely radar echoes, he said, "The radar systems filter out the echoes. . . It was tracked by three independent radar systems, and according to the FAA they all had the same echoes!"

The roots of the U.S. government's policy which denies the existence of UFOs, Schmitt stated, go back to 1953, "when the CIA made its recommendation to the Pentagon that the subject be debunked." He said the government fears the public panic that could result if it admitted its intense efforts to explain UFO sightings with "no real answers."

"Through the years, the documents all point to one thing: they drew the conclusion in 1947 that the phenomenon does exist," Schmitt stated. Much of the U.S. government's own investigation has been performed by Air Force personnel, "which have always had the means to closely monitor the skies."

"But it's a world-wide cover-up," he adds.

Despite the tight lid on UFO information which Schmitt says the U.S. government has maintained, he thinks the information will be divulged eventually. "There have been rumors and leaks from the Pentagon of film and an announcement (to come), and it's just a matter of time," he said.

Referring to an upcoming international conference on UFOs in Washington, D.C., and increasing attention to UFO reports by the mass media, Schmitt said, "It will be a big year (for UFO information), and not because of the number of sightings, because those have been down this year. Belleville and the Japanese airliner have been exceptions."

To the question of why the cluster of UFO sightings in this area, Schmitt replied, "When we plot on a Wisconsin map the legitimate sightings in the last 90 years — there have been reports of sightings back to 1897 — for some reason the entire area around Madison . . . has had a very high UFO activity

rate." High UFO activity periods included the latter parts of 1985 and 1986, he added.

Three types of phenomena seem to attract UFO activity, Schmitt said: bodies of water, power lines and substations, and military installations. The Madison area seems to fit one or two of those criteria, but Schmitt said UFOs still create much mystery regarding their habits.

Friday's program will also delve into UFO abduction reports, in Wisconsin and elsewhere, within about the last 10 years.

One more reason for the Center for UFO Studies to offer this press conference/program emerged from the discussion. As in past public programs the Center has held, Schmitt said, "You always get a few people that approach you after the program with a statement that starts out: 'I never told anyone this before, but. . .'"

# Summertime is UFO Time In Northern Westchester

By JOHN F. KELLY  
and TED SCHILLINGER

UP THERE — The skies over Mount Kisco are usually like any other; stars, moon, and little that is more controversial than a healthy dose of light pollution.

But last week the unusual happened.

Kicking off what is generally considered the heaviest season for the sightings of UFOs, or Unidentified Flying Objects, area residents with a clear view of the sky above Mount Kisco reported that they had seen a large unidentifiable object flying over the village. According to local police, witnesses called in their sightings from the Saw Mill River Parkway, Route I-684 and other locations.

"It was as big as the hospital," said Lysa Schwartz of Pound Ridge. Ms. Schwartz and two companions, Christine Williams of Bedford and David Shea of Mount Kisco, say they were driving toward the village on Broad Brook Road when they noticed a large object above the line of treetops by the road.

According to these witnesses, they pulled their car onto West Patent Road and climbed out to get a better look at the object.

They described it as a large modular craft with white, green and red lights on its surface, hovering and moving soundlessly roughly 1,000 feet above the ground. They said that the craft was made up of at least two parts, connected by a narrow attachment between them.

The witnesses stressed that the object's size, unique shape, and soundless motion convinced them that it was not a traditional flying device.

"I think it was a space craft," said Ms. Schwartz. "It wasn't anything man-made. That was it. That was the real thing." All three explained that if they had not witnessed the object themselves, they would doubtless found such reports unlikely.

Compounding the strangeness of their experience, the witnesses described the field from which they observed the object as "completely full of fireflies." "Fireflies don't come out in May," said Ms. Williams. After the three drove to town to report the incident, they returned to the field, but said that the mysterious fireflies were "totally gone."

"Maybe it radiated some kind of energy," conjectured Ms. Williams, accounting for the odd

phenomenon.

According to the department of entomology of the University of Florida in Gainesville, it is not uncommon for fireflies to be in evidence at this time of the year, but the excessive fluctuations in weather conditions lately may seriously affect the behavior of the insects.

Police report that many of such sightings result from patterned formation-flying by pilots of ultralight airplanes, small propeller-powered hang-gliders. Responding to these reports, the witnesses said, "This was no glider."

A police officer from the Bedford Police Department said he witnessed the phenomenon on Thursday, and theorized it was caused by a grouping the ultralight crafts.

According to Department of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials, the ultralights are experimental crafts that use a "lawnmower engine" and a canopy-type body that "is not very sturdy." The FAA said the pilots have been known to use different colored flashlights to create the illusion of a space craft, and that ultralights are not allowed to enter controlled air space.

"These guys are really taking their lives in their hands," said one FAA official who asked not to be identified. "It's just a bunch of guys having fun and games up in the sky, who are trying to trick people into believing there's a craft from outer space up there. It's very hard to stop them... several times police cars have shown up at landing strips waiting for them and when the pilots see the cops they just take off into the sky again," he added.

Other sightings have been attributed to highly skilled pilots flying small planes in precise formation out of the Stormville Airport in Dutchess County. According to Robert Gribble of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, the reports of the Stormville pilots have been "go-

ing on for three or four years."

"I don't know what the purpose of their deception is," Mr. Gribble said, adding "what they're doing is obviously very hazardous and one day their luck is going to run out, and they're going to crash into a populated area."

According to Mr. Gribble, the Reporting Center is a private organization that receives, evaluates and investigates reports of UFOs from all over the world. He said the center is presently receiving approximately "five or six" reports a day.

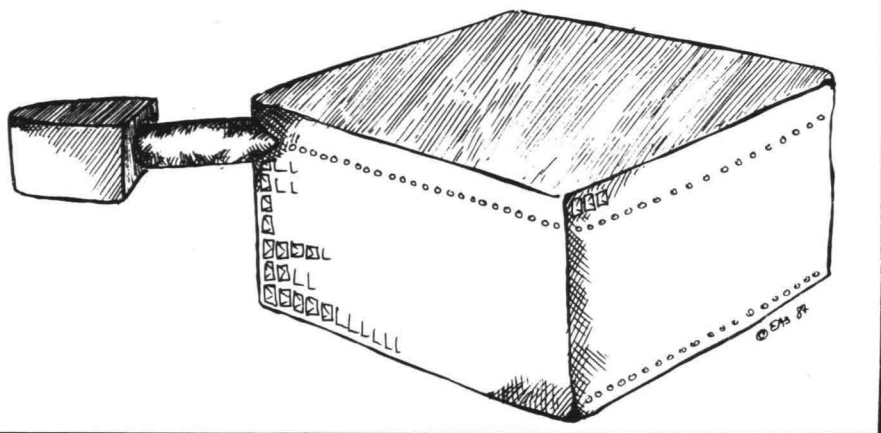
Mr. Gribble said the type of craft that was reported last week in Mount Kisco has been identified many times "all over the world."

"This type of craft, while not the most common type, has been identified in the United States, Europe and Africa," he said. "There is not the slightest doubt in my mind that these crafts are real and interplanetary, although I wouldn't have the slightest idea of where they come from...it's a very big universe," he added.

There are also "volumes of evidence of government cover-ups" concerning alien craft evidence, according to Mr. Gribble. He said that reports issued from the heads of Army Intelligence, dating back to as early as 1947, contain eyewitness accounts and radar readings confirming the existence of interplanetary craft.

"There are also military laws specifically devised to cover-up UFO information," he said. He claimed there are specific laws relating to military personnel and airplane pilots, laws warning that if any information regarding the sightings of UFOs is leaked out to the public, the informant would receive a minimum of five years in jail and a \$70,000 fine.

"If the government told the people what they know today, it would totally devastate all current religious teachings," he said.



Trader illustration by Ted Schillinger

Above is an artist's sketch based on the descriptions of the object sighted last week in the skies above Mount Kisco. Eyewitnesses said that the object was "immense," roughly the size of the Northern Westchester Hospital Center, and made up of at least two modules, one large and one small, attached by a thin limb. The main body was textured by pyramidal indentations; lights were patterned in lines along the main hull, and clustered in the front, on the smaller module.

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## UFO question light years from answer

**S**WISS FARMER Eduard Meier claims to be in regular contact with extraterrestrials from a planet in the Pleiades star cluster.

In the mid-1970s, he produced clear photos of what he says are their flying saucers coming and going near his home, at the time in the village of Hinwil, 30 miles southeast of Zurich. Meier thus began a career as a Pleiadian spokesman of sorts.

Investigative writer Gary Kinder ("Victim: The Other Side of Murder") offers the result of his three-year study of Meier and his claims in "Light Years" (Atlantic Monthly Press; 265 pages, \$18.95). It's an entertaining book but leaves the reader still wondering if Meier's story is the real thing.

Although this would seem to be the best documented UFO claim yet, Meier has encountered skepticism and disbelief from many of those who normally thrive on stories of alien contacts. While the photos are impressive (some are in the book) and Meier even came up with a piece of puzzling other-worldly metal, his claims of space and time travel and even reincarnation have not been taken too seriously by most UFO watchers.

Just the same, Meier has become a minor cult figure in Switzerland, Kinder reports, drawing a steady flow of admirers who have lived on his farm for varying periods while helping with the chores and listening to his accounts of his contacts.

Kinder summarizes Meier's claims: "He had been telepathically contacted by alien beings" who had repeatedly "directed Meier to remote locations near Hinwil, where they landed a 7-meter silvery beam ship, disembarked and met with him face-to-face. Most of Meier's contacts were with a female named Semjase, for the Pleiadians, according to Meier, had found that



### THE BOOKSHELF

By Paul Craig

females seemed to be far less intimidating to Earth humans. Meier met with her often and she allowed him to photograph her beam ship as it approached for landing and again as it ascended."

While the book centers on Meier's claimed adventures, Kinder devotes many pages to the history of UFOs in America since World War II. He also chronicles the efforts of two partners in an Arizona computer security firm to authenticate Meier's pictures and obtain an analysis of a piece of metal claimed to be part of an alien spacecraft.

Experts proved to be less than certain about anything, however. Meier's pictures turned out to be copies of the originals and thus defied the kind of high magnification analysis that might have shown tell-tale special effects work. More disturbingly, the piece of metal, which preliminary analysis indicated was not like anything on Earth, disappeared while in a researcher's possession.

These circumstances suggest at worst a hoax or, at best, in Kinder's words, "the truth of the Meier contacts will never be known." At least that's the case if no new negatives or pieces of metal are forthcoming.

Dr. Michael Malin of Arizona State University, Tempe, puts the debate about the pictures into perspective when he is quoted by Kinder as remarking, "There's almost nothing you can say" without the original film. Kinder adds, "One more thing he pointed out: Photographs are pretty, fun and impressive. But photographs of anything are poor evidence. In a hierarchy of probative value, photographs and sound lie at the bottom, because they both are 'a recording of an ephemeral event, subject to manipulation after the fact.'"

**T**ODAY, WRITES Kinder, Meier says the space contacts have grown fewer and he seems tired of public attention: "People still come to visit. But rarely does he speak with anyone. When visitors drive up the gravel path, he may slip his index finger beside the sheer curtain in the parlor and peek out; more likely he will continue to stare at the television screen."

"Others at the farm usually intercept the visitors and talk with them about Meier and his experiences and show them photographs from several large albums and then send them on their way. I was at the farm for three weeks in the spring of 1984 and again for two weeks that fall; in the spring of 1985 I lived in Switzerland for two months, traveling frequently to the farm. In all that time I rarely saw Meier anywhere but on that sofa in the parlor in front of the television."

Kinder has been reasonably objective in his presentation of Meier, but is clearly enthusiastic in his advocacy of UFOs. Most fascinating of all, while we may still be uncertain about the Pleiadians, Kinder certainly teaches us a great deal about human nature and the attraction that the fantastic has for nearly everyone.

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# 'Urge to Investigate and Believe' Sparks New Interest in U.F.O.'s

By WILLIAM J. BROAD

**T**HE ALIENS are here again, at least in terms of popular culture, if not fact.

Three books about alien visits are selling briskly; one of them has topped the nonfiction best seller list for weeks. Clubs, newsletters, movies, and lectures about unidentified flying objects are generating revenues at a pace exceeded only in the 1950's, during the first wave of U.F.O. sightings.

Enthusiasts are now even charging that for 40 years the Federal Government has harbored evidence of an encounter with extraterrestrial creatures, including their lifeless bodies and damaged spacecraft. That startling report, dismissed by skeptics and Government officials as laughable, is contained in what purport to be top-secret Government papers from the Eisenhower era.

Why the fascination with aliens, despite repeated failures over the decades to document their appearance?

In interviews, psychologists, historians, philosophers and writers of science fiction said belief in alien encounters was rooted in such things as the need for secular messiahs and the search for explanations for terrestrial troubles.

"The urge to investigate and believe in this stuff is almost religious," said Ben Bova, former editor of Omni magazine and a writer of science fiction. "We used to have gods. Now we want to feel we're not alone, watched over by protective forces."

But others, often sober, respectable scientists, said the skeptics were missing the biggest story of the age.

"People who haven't been paying attention to this stuff are in for a shock," said Dr. Bruce Maccabee, a full-time Navy physicist in Washington, D.C., and a part-time U.F.O. researcher. "Some sort of things have been flying around for decades, and they aren't ours."

The current U.F.O. flurry is led by new books: "Communion" by Whitney Strieber (Morrow), "Intruders" by Budd Hopkins (Random House), and "Light Years" by Gary Kinder (Atlantic Monthly Press). "Communion" has been on The New York Times best seller list for 16 weeks.

All three tell of personal encounters with aliens. In this they differ from the last great period of U.F.O. enthusiasm, in the 1950's, said David M. Jacobs, author of "The U.F.O. Controversy in America" and a historian at Temple University in Philadelphia. In the 1950's U.F.O. sightings were in vogue. Now, he said, we are in a "new era" in which aliens are taken as fact and attention had turned to "people's experiences" with them.

Indeed, the hottest topic among U.F.O. enthusiasts is what they describe as the Federal Government's experience with aliens, especially the "Roswell Incident," one of the oldest U.F.O. episodes on the books. Timothy Good, a British U.F.O. researcher, and a group of U.F.O. investigators in the United States say they have documentary evidence that the Government hid its knowledge that a "flying saucer" crashed in 1947 near Roswell, N. M., killing its crew of extraterrestrial creatures. The charges are contained in Mr. Good's book "Above Top Secret: The Worldwide U.F.O. Cover-Up," to be published in Britain in July.

The Government's position is that the 1947 incident was nothing more than the sighting of a weather balloon. But the U.F.O. researchers cite a newly discovered document, dated Nov. 18, 1952, purportedly a top-secret

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. 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. The wreckage of the craft was also removed to several different locations. Civilian and military witnesses in the area were debriefed, and news reporters were given the effective cover story that the object had been a misguided weather research balloon."

By November 1947, the briefing continued, a Federal team of scientists had concluded "that although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo-sapiens."

## Experts say belief is rooted in part in the need to explain earthly problems.

briefing paper for President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower. It discusses a secret Federal team known as Majestic-12, or MJ-12, established by President Truman on Sept. 24, 1947 to investigate the of the spacecraft and its crew.

"It appears to be genuine," said William L. Moore, who wrote a book about the incident and who investigated the document for more than two years after a colleague received it anonymously in the mail. But he said there is nothing in the records "that shows it's a fraud."

"Nonsense," replied Philip J. Klass, a leading U.F.O. debunker and chairman of the U.F.O. subcommittee of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, a respected group of scientists. Mr. Klass said he had seen the document and considered it "an outright hoax."

The document purportedly recounts a secret briefing to President-elect Eisenhower by Rear Adm. Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, the first director of the Central Intelligence Agency, who is now dead. According to the document, Admiral Hillenkoetter was a member of Majestic-12. It begins with a chronology of crash near Roswell.

"On 07 July, 1947," it says, "a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study. During the

Stanton T. Friedman, a nuclear physicist in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, who is investigating the document with Mr. Moore and who lectures widely on U.F.O.'s, acknowledged that interest it generated would raise lecture fees but said their goal was to get at the truth.

"We're dealing with something of extraordinary importance," he said. "What this means is that we humans are not the big shots we think we are." He said the landing was concealed because "no Government wants people to have their allegiance to the planet rather than themselves."

Reflecting on the scope and intensity of the current flurry of interest, Jerome Clark, vice president of the J. Allen Hynek Center for U.F.O. Studies in Chicago and editor of "International U.F.O. Reporter," said: "What's interesting is that all this is happening in the absence of a sighting wave. There hasn't really been anything sighted since the 1970's. If I were paranoid, I'd say it's quiet, too quiet."

Frederik Pohl, a science fiction writer, said belief in U.F.O.'s is flourishing now because the nation's political leaders are seen as floundering. "We're told by our leadership to be resolute against terrorism, yet they make deals," he said. "We're told 'Star Wars' is the future, but no one other than Ronald Reagan believes it. People have lost trust in reality and

they're looking for something else."

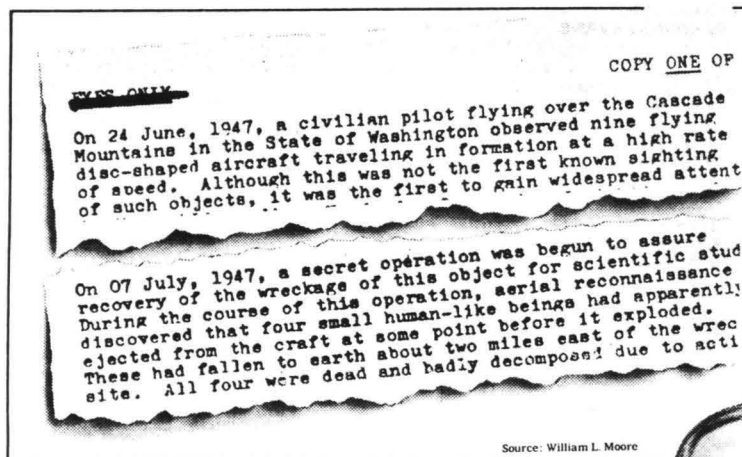
Michael Wertheimer, a psychologist at the University of Colorado who has participated in studies that debunked U.F.O. reports, agreed that feelings of helplessness tended to reinforce the urge to believe in the extraterrestrial. "The less people feel in control of their own fate, the more they look to occult or extranatural phenomena," he said.

The intensified interest in U.F.O.'s also reflects increased credulity in general, experts say.

Paul Kurtz, a philosopher at the State University of New York at Buffalo and chairman of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, said the current U.F.O. wave was "part of a bizarre trend in which there is no sense of standards of evidence. So much of this U.F.O. stuff has been discredited. This rash of belief throws all judgment to the wind."

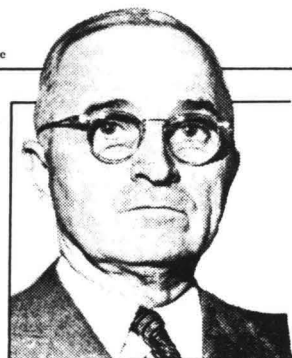
Dr. Maccabee, the Navy physicist, conceded that skeptics often made valid points. "But the simple fact is that there are unexplained sightings," he added. "Over the past 40 years there have been 100,000 sightings, with 10 to 20 percent that are hard to explain."

In the case of the purported Eisenhower documents, he said, "maybe somebody's been clever, but I think there's a good chance they are authentic."



Source: William L. Moore

New interest in UFO's has been aroused by a document purporting to describe a team established by President Truman, below, to investigate the crash of an alien spacecraft.



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## UFO center probes abduction reports from Belleville, New Glarus areas

**BELOIT, Wis. (UPI)** — A director of the National Center for UFO Studies says his agency is studying two reports of women being abducted by UFOs in the Belleville and New Glarus areas of south-central Wisconsin.

Don Schmitt, a Milwaukee-based director of the non-profit center located in Glenview, Ill., said Thursday in a telephone interview that the two reports surfaced after a June 5 presentation in Belleville.

During the presentation Schmitt said several January UFO sightings in the area could not be explained by natural phenomena.

"One of the alleged abductions occurred the same day the Belleville officer made the first report that was later classified as a UFO. One of the

cases appears very promising in that there is physical evidence of traumatization.

He said he could not be specific about what the trauma involved because he had not seen the doctor's report.

"The second abduction allegedly happened several years ago in New Glarus, Brooklyn area and there were several witnesses," said Schmitt.

Both reports were of women being abducted and later returned, Schmitt said. The women were not identified.

Schmitt said he was surprised at the number of people who came forward after the June 5 news conference.

"In 90 percent of these cases

(UFO reports) we can explain away what happened to natural causes. It's those 10 percent that are so perplexing. In the Belleville case, the level of activity there is unprecedented this year around the world and the level of activity in the Dane-Green county areas is unprecedented in the world in the last 10 years," he said.

The center correlates international data.

There are various reports of people claiming they were abducted and held by UFOs, said Schmitt, who does not like to use the term "extraterrestrial."

"When I hold it in my hand and decide it is not something from here, then I'd classify it as extraterrestrial, until then, we have UFOs and no one is sure what's in them," he said.

Some of the additional sighting reports are exciting to the center because one of them concerns a possible landing of an object and that report may yield what he calls "trace physical evidence" if the center can pinpoint the site, Schmitt said.

"That would actually be two types of physical evidence because the farmer who reported it said his farm animals were unnerved and jumpy about the alleged landing which means there must have been some audible sign," he said.

He also said a young man came up to him during the June 5 news conference and said he and his grandfather had seen a hovering saucer-like object, but Schmitt said the youth left before he could get his name to verify the report.

# 'Document' revives rumors of crashed UFO aliens

By VICKI SMITH  
Staff writer

Rumors about the recovery of the bodies of four aliens from a crashed flying saucer in New Mexico 40 years ago have circulated for years.

But a "document" has surfaced in England and locally that describes the work of a mysterious committee which is supposed to have examined the aliens.

Lee M. Graham, a Monrovia resident and aerospace research technician, and UFO researcher William L. Moore have obtained copies of a purported briefing memo on the top secret committee, Majestic 12.

"The document and its contents appear to be genuine," said Moore, who wrote a book about the 1947 flying saucer crash, "The Roswell Incident," in 1980. His book was based on eyewitness and newspaper accounts.

The document, which was given to The Tribune this week, is purportedly written by then-CIA Director Adm. Roscoe Hillenkoetter on Nov. 18, 1952, for then-President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The document claims that on July 7, 1947, a scientific team was dispatched to a remote region in New Mexico where Air Force aerial reconnaissance discovered "four small human-like beings" which had been ejected from a flying disc crashed 75 miles away from Roswell Air Force Base.

The document claims, "Although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo sapiens."



Lee Graham of Monrovia, left, and William Moore with documents concerning UFO

An Air Force spokesman said that Pentagon officials have not seen the purported documents and cannot comment on their authenticity.

"Nobody in the Air Force has seen the document, but as far as what the Pentagon has heard from reporters, there is no new information that wasn't out a couple of years ago," Lt. Tim Cothrew, a public affairs officer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in

Ohio, said Tuesday.

Graham said that he sent a copy of the document to the director of public affairs for the Air Force Tuesday. He said he enclosed a Freedom of Information Act letter requesting authentication of the Majestic 12 documents.

According to a July 1947 FBI telegram obtained by Graham, the remnants of the "flying disc" at

New Mexico were taken to Wright-Patterson, which also was headquarters of Operation Blue Book, the Air Force's defunct UFO program.

"We have no wreckage or bodies of aliens," Cothrew said.

Moore claims he received the document in December 1984 from a source who mailed it to his research partner, Jaime H. Shander, in a plain brown wrapper with no return address.

"We have been conducting an exhaustive study of every aspect of this document since receiving it," Moore said.

He says he has been combing the National Archives and the presidential libraries of Harry Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower for evidence to verify the information contained in the document.

"We haven't found anything to indicate it is a phony," he said. "If it is concocted, it would have to have been done by someone who has done a tremendous amount of research."

Moore would fit that description, but he said that he is not the perpetrator.

The mysterious Majestic 12 group was established by special classified executive order of President Truman two months after the wreckage was discovered, according to the briefing memo.

Supporting the memo, a purported copy of Truman's signed Sept. 24, 1947, memo to Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal states, "Hereafter this matter shall be referred to only as Operation Majestic Twelve."

Moore claims to have developed sources in the

"intelligence gathering community" who have been leaking the supporting evidence to him.

All members of this mysterious committee are dead.

The briefing memo lists the members as Hillenkoetter, Dr. Vannevar Bush, Forrestal, Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Dr. Detlev Bronk, Dr. Jerome C. Hunsaker, Sidney W. Souers, Gordon Gray, Dr. Donald Menzel, Gen. Robert M. Montague, Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner and Gen. Walter B. Smith, who replaced Hillenkoetter when he became director of the CIA in 1950.

Moore said that the secrecy surrounding Majestic 12 and the Roswell incident is indicative of the fear the government has of causing a public panic.

To further support his claim that Majestic 12 documents appear to be authentic, Moore says he saw a White House memo at the National Archives to General Twining, Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The memo informs Twining of an "MJ-12" briefing with Eisenhower.

Although Moore has been trying to authenticate the MJ-12 documents for two years, British UFO researcher Timothy Good beat him to the punch and gave the documents to The London Observer last week.

Moore said that he does not know who supplied the documents to Good, but added that Good told him last week that the story would "break in Europe."

The media attention over the documents may boost attendance at the National UFO Conference at the Burbank Hilton on June 12, 13 and 14.

Moore's publishing company is co-sponsoring the conference with the Fair Witness Project.

He says the timing on The London Observer story, which was carried on American wire services Saturday, was "purely coincidental," even though Good is a scheduled speaker at the conference.

Moore claims he has a source to verify the authenticity of the documents, but is not ready to disclose the source at this time.

## World War III? Nope, Just A Mysterious 'Crash'

By DAVE LESTER  
Of The Tribune-Review

When Alan Jenkins heard a noise like a jet airplane followed by an explosion, he says he thought World War III had begun.

The 20-year-old Johnstown resident was camping in the Big Springs area Sunday night when something like the sound of a jet engine suddenly broke the stillness of Laurel Ridge, followed by an explosion and a flash of light.

"The first thing I thought of was that they dropped the bomb," says Jenkins, who's employed in the building maintenance department of the Cambria County Transit Authority. "It sounded like it was right on top of us, ready to fall out of the sky."

But it occurred to him and his fellow campers that what they had witnessed was a plane crash seven to 10 miles away.

Despite the campers' vivid ac-

count, authorities report no missing planes and searchers have been unable to locate any wreckage in the heavily wooded country.

While some have explained the incident as an atmospheric phenomenon, perhaps a meteor, Jenkins says he is convinced that what he saw was a plane, and he intends to search the area until he finds it.

"We know it was," says his girlfriend, Sharon Miller, 21, who recalls sitting on a lawn chair in front of a campfire when the noise drowned out the music from a radio.

It was a clear moonlit night with few clouds when the object came hurtling across the sky from the south at a very low altitude. Jenkins recalls a two- to three-second interval followed by the sound of an explosion and a simultaneous flash of light. They estimate the

*...They say they never saw anything like this — it was so bright and large and very low.*

— Stan Gordon, director of the Association for the Study of the Unexplained

time at 10 p.m.

As soon as it happened, Jenkins, Miller and two companions packed up their gear and headed for Jenkins' home, where they telephoned authorities about 11 p.m.

Firemea from New Florence and Seward searched the area, including Big Run Reservoir in St. Clair Township, until daybreak Monday, with Jenkins directing them to an area where he estimates the crash occurred.

One pilot conducted an aerial

search of his own, but no systematic search has been undertaken by the Civil Air Patrol, the U.S. Air Force auxiliary assigned to such tasks. Civil Air Patrol 1st Lt. Helen Chubski of South Fork, Cambria County, who serves as public affairs officer and commander of the CAP Johnstown Composite Squadron 1501, says the unit is activated by the rescue coordination center at Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Ill. She says there has been no tangible evidence of a plane crash — no

wreckage, fire, electronic distress signal or report of a missing aircraft.

Chubski, however, does not rule out the possibility of a downed plane. She says it is possible that a pilot failed to file a flight plan, that the aircraft lacked an operable emergency locating transmitter — the device that emits a distress signal — and that no one has reported a missing person from an overdue flight.

While short on physical evidence, Miller has a couple of theories. The object, she says, had no lights and could have been part of a secret military mission. The other possibility, she says, is that a drug smuggler was flying low to escape radar detection.

Stan Gordon, director of the Greensburg-based Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, says the description offered by the campers makes him

think it was something other than a meteor, which he says would have been observed over a much wider area.

He says there have been numerous UFO sightings in the area of Cambria-Blair-Westmoreland counties, including reports of bright beams of light.

Gordon spoke with others who were in the area and saw a flash, about 35 minutes later than the campers' estimate. A brilliant white flash was observed by occupants of a Jeep traveling on Route 711. They say the light visible at treetop level in the direction of Seward lasted for several seconds and was bright enough to illuminate the front of their vehicle.

"They had seen meteors before, and they say they never saw anything like this — it was so bright and large and very low," says Gordon.





## Cosmic Watergate uncovered in documents, 'UFOlogist' says

FREDERICTON (CP) — Stanton Friedman is banking on Rick Olsen and his radar screen to help prove there are intelligently controlled, extra-terrestrial spacecraft out there.

Friedman, a Fredericton-based nuclear physicist and lecturer, is one of North America's most ardent proponents of the space-visitor theory. What Olsen saw on the evening of May 16 may help prove him right — that and new documents UFO researchers claim uncover a "cosmic Watergate."

Olsen, 37, a pilot with 21 years flying experience, was at the controls of a Boeing 737 when its weather radar system picked up an object six times bigger than a jumbo jet streaking across the sky at 8,200 km/h.

Olsen tracked the object for four minutes on the airplane's Primus 90 weather radar during a flight from Toronto to Winnipeg.

The plane was just north of Thunder Bay, Ont., when the radar picked up a strong signal about 80 kilometres away. That was unusual since the radar is designed to pick up storms and only large aircraft at

close range show on the screen. Even then, 747s, DC-10s and L-1011s appear only as small green dots.

"This return indicated something six times the size of a 747, about the size of an aircraft carrier," Olsen said.

The crew made adjustments to make sure the radar was working properly. It was. They were never close enough for a visual sighting.

### Sightings collected

For Friedman, a dedicated "UFOlogist," Olsen's sighting is more evidence Earth is being visited by extra-terrestrials.

Friedman has spent 30 years collecting sightings like Olsen's and ploughing through documents and newspapers in archives and libraries across North America.

He feels the evidence is overwhelming that we are being visited by aliens from other solar systems, but now he and other UFO devotees feel they have documents which could conclusively prove their case.

The documents would also prove there has been an on-going, high-level coverup in the United States.

"These documents verify we are

dealing with a cosmic Watergate," says Friedman. "They verify that a small group of people have been very concerned right from 1947 when they had a crashed saucer and that the world is a different place from what it was before we knew this — there are aliens coming to planet Earth."

The secret reports and memos, obtained by UFO researchers in the United States and Britain from "inside sources," claim the bodies of four aliens from a crashed flying saucer were recovered 40 years ago near Roswell, N.M.

The incident at Roswell in July 1947 is one of the key episodes in UFO history. First news reports from the scene said a flying saucer had crashed, but the story was later changed to a weather balloon and dismissed by authorities.

The government documents supposedly leaked to the UFO community mention a mysterious committee, code-named Operation Majestic 12, made up of 12 powerful U.S. military and government officials that probed the crash.

William Moore, a UFO researcher

CP PHOTO



Friedman says documents prove UFOs visited Earth.

in Burbank, Calif., said the leaked documents include a signed memo from then-president Harry Truman concerning Majestic 12.

The documents describe the bodies as four, small human-like beings who ejected from their craft before the crash.

A top-secret briefing paper claims then U.S. CIA director Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter reported that

"although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo-sapiens."

Friedman and Moore believe the Roswell crash was covered up because the discovery had such enormous ramifications for society, it could not be revealed.

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RAEL: he describes his movement as "an atheistic religion with regular cult practices"

## UFO 'passenger' gets rough ride

By GAVIN WILSON

Rael was having a rough time. He had come to the Robson Square media centre Thursday night to spread the word, to tell how he had been taken to another planet by extraterrestrials who had created the human race in laboratories and how he was appointed to be their ambassador on earth.

Nearly 250 people paid \$5 each to hear him speak. But they weren't in a mood to listen.

Rael, a former sports reporter, describes his movement as "an atheistic religion with regular cult practices."

A member of the audience loudly proclaimed it "a bunch of (nonsense), buddy."

At one time Rael, 41, was just plain Claude Vorilhon. But he says that one night in 1973 he was mysteriously drawn to the crater of an extinct volcano near his home in France. It was then, he says, that an alien spacecraft

"Some people say to me: 'You are crazy.' But what is crazy?"

— Rael

appeared and Rael had his first close encounter. He says he's met the extraterrestrials five times since then.

He says that on one occasion he visited their world where he met Jesus, Moses, Mohammed, Buddha and others who are all living forever thanks to a type of cloning practised by the super-scientific race he calls the Elohim.

Rael says there is no God, only the extraterrestrials who created us in their image as a part of a vast genetic experiment. They're now planning to return, he says, but only once he's collected \$15 million and built an embassy for them in Jerusalem.

"Some people say to me: 'You are crazy.' But what is crazy?" he asked.

Rael, dressed all in white with a large medallion hanging around his neck, claimed he has 20,000 followers around the world, 5,000 of them in Canada. Not many were in attendance Thursday.

Most members of the audience were highly skeptical of Rael's claims, but said they attended out of curiosity and would keep an open mind.

During a lively and sometimes raucous question period, Rael was peppered with questions and denounced as a false prophet.

"I have much closer connections to any extraterrestrials than you do," one man shouted. "You're disseminating evil seeds."

Despite the rough ride, all copies of Rael's book, *Space Aliens Took Me To Their Planet*, sold out during the intermission.

CHRONICLE, Putney, England - May 21, 1987 CR: T. Good

## Hotline for a 'close encounter'

A UFO hotline has opened in Fulham Road to monitor extra terrestrial sightings nationwide.

Lines have been burning with more than 300 reported sightings since the hotline was set up by the Aetherius Society on April 7.

The closest encounter Fulham has come to a UFO was "a shimmering white triangle with a blue base, hanging in the sky over Wimbledon Common" reported to the Aetherius Society by two different spotters.

President of the society Sir George King claims one in ten Londoners have had first hand experience of UFOs, sightings that

are not just 'hot air balloons' but extra terrestrial phenomena.

Sir George King founded the Aetherius Society in Fulham more than 30 years ago and received his knighthood from a Byzantine royal house in Europe.

After the success of the UFO hotline the society is now launching a campaign of public meetings around the country from its nerve centre at 757 Fulham Road.

The next meeting in London will on June 6 at the Royal Westminster Hotel, Westminster.

The 731 1094 hotline is open between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.

## Susan ready to answer the alien call

IF ET lands in Northamptonshire Susan Pollock may be the first to know.

Susan (21), has been fascinated by UFOs since she was a tiny child and now she is setting up a group for other enthusiasts.

Susan of Stonebridge Court, Lings hopes to lead a team of investigators ready to follow up sightings in the area.

She admits she has never seen a flying saucer but says she is keeping an open mind

about them. "If there is something it must come from space. I reckon the people would be a lot like us and have feelings like us," she said.

### Frightened

Susan said she hoped the group would be able to help people who might be frightened about seeing a UFO as well as finding out more information about them.

Anyone interested in joining the group can contact Susan on Northampton 413416 or 410795.

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## CRAZY CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF A REAL KIND

# IS THERE A METATHING FROM OUTER SPACE!



● FANS of The Colbys will see Fallon being lured on to an alien spaceship in the final episode of this series. But, according to hundreds of Sun readers, her plight is not all that unusual. They claim they, too, have had

close encounters with real ETs and seen alien spacecraft. ● Here are some of their stories—as told to Sun writer HENRIETTA KNIGHT—and the verdict of UFO and alien expert Richard Lawrence, secretary of the Aetherius Society.

## Gentle visitors gave diamonds

### CASE OF EDWIN WILSON KEMBERY

EDWIN Wilson Kembery was visited regularly for three months by two aliens who took biscuits and cheese from his fridge in return for galactic "diamonds".

The thin spacemen were five feet tall, wore grey rubber wet suits, had deep sunken eyes, flat noses, holes where their ears should be, no hair and walked as though on springs. Kembery says he met his extra-terrestrial friends in woods near his home in St Leonards, Sussex.

### CASE OF JIMMY BROWN

## Zoomed off in a trough

IRISHMAN Jimmy Brown had a close encounter with three spacemen walking up the middle of the A23.

Jimmy had spent the night with his girlfriend and was walking home near Caterham, Surrey, at 5am when he saw the three figures in the moonlight.

He says: "They walked very slowly and wore outfits like monks' habits made from sparkly silver material. I walked on and they passed me on the left and disappeared."

"Then I saw an aluminium trough through a hedge in a field. It zoomed up like a rocket, making no noise."

"I never saw the aliens go into the field. They must have beamed in from the road."

Jimmy, 42, now lives in Ballymena, Northern Ireland, with his wife and three children.

His "sighting" happened in 1971, but he has never told anyone about it before.

### SHIP

"I thought people would laugh at me," he says.

● OUR EXPERT SAYS: "There is no reason why this should not be a genuine case."

"Silver clothes are a common feature, and the trough-shaped ship sounds like the usual cigar-shaped craft."

"Brown says he did not see the aliens leave the road or enter the ship."

"That is also possible—things can appear and disappear because they go through a different frequency level."

"The old Star Trek saying 'beam me up, Scottie' is sci-fi for us, but it could happen."



JIMMY BROWN  
"Aliens just disappeared"

### CASE OF LINDA TAYLOR

BUSINESSWOMAN Linda Taylor thinks a blond male alien used her for a medical experiment.

Linda, 38, was driving home from Southport to Altrincham, Cheshire, when a black 1930s car appeared in front of her.

Linda says: "Then I looked up and saw a huge craft."

"It dive-bombed me and shot off."

"When I got home I

### Food

"I wasn't frightened because they were very gentle."

"They came to see me several times after that. I offered them food and they took biscuits and cheese away with them."

In return they gave Kembery, a retired audiologist, what he thought were uncut galactic diamonds. He had them tested and found they were unidentifiable rock crystals.

● OUR EXPERT SAYS: "Kembery's experience does not tally with any previous descriptions of aliens. We have had sightings of aliens in silver suits, but not wet suits."

## Two-hour trip in weird craft

had lost two hours and had strange blue marks on my thighs."

Linda says that during hypnosis her subconscious revealed that she had been taken aboard the craft by a long-haired blond in a silvery suit.

"He was beside a pool



SCREEN ET... but readers claim they've met real aliens

### CASE OF PAUL DEVINE

SIX months ago a space surgeon beamed Paul Devine aboard his ship and stuck needles in him.

Devine, who works for a publisher, was whisked away from a bench in Avery Hill Park, Eltham, by a craft he thought was a helicopter.

He says: "I nearly passed out. When I came to I was in a five-cornered room with a man who looked like a surgeon, wearing a plastic suit."

"He had an almond-shaped face, wide eyes and clear, white skin."

"I lay down and three others stuck a reflective needle in my abdomen."

"The first one said, 'until we meet again' and gave me a button which looked like an opal stone with three holes in it."

"All I remember after that was picking myself up off the grass. When I got home my wife ac-

## ALIENS STUCK PINS IN PAUL

cused me of being in the pub because it was so late. I had lost an hour."

"I telephoned the police and two men wearing tweed suits turned up in a Jaguar."

"They asked me lots of questions and took away the button. I never heard from them again."

● OUR EXPERT SAYS: "This man has gone into the realms of his unconscious mind which must be treated with scepticism."

"It is very unlikely that two officials would come to see him."

EASTERN DAILY PRESS, Norwich, England  
June 12, 1987 CR: T. Good

## Close encounter

A FIERY chandelier over Fundenhall in 1981, a similar object motionless above Attlebridge the following year, inexplicable lights moving through the Mundford and Thurne skies; East Anglians scarcely seem reticent about reporting unidentified flying objects.

These and similar sightings may of course form but the tip of empirical knowledge, otherwise concealed by hesitancy and fear of ridicule. Dr Richard Lawrence of the UFO-investigating Aetherius Society believes so, and is urging that eyes be opened and tongues unloosed. "It is time the matter was taken seriously by everyone."

Sceptical though we are of flights of the imagination, our natural curiosity and instinct for a news story finds us supporting his call.

## Jet dodges mystery flying object over Russia

By Harvey Elliott  
Air Correspondent

A British Airways Jumbo jet made a mid-course diversion to avoid a mystery object high over Russia.

All five crew members — seasoned, sceptical professionals — watched fascinated, but utterly bewildered, as the unidentified object displaying twinkling lights flew directly towards them and then disappeared at high speed over the Kazakhstan horizon.

Russian air traffic controllers reported that there was no other aircraft in the vicinity.

The crew's spokesman, First Officer Anthony Colin, aged 42, was baffled. But he can describe in detail exactly what happened as BA flight 009 from

London Heathrow to Bangkok flew over the Russian hinterland on the evening of April 22.

"We were changing over duties on the flight deck. All five of us were together," said Mr Colin. "Suddenly we saw what appeared to be another aircraft away to our right. It was displaying two white lights just like an aircraft would."

"We watched it carefully and then noticed that there was a green light where there should have been a red port-side navigation light. It was clear that it was coming towards us at about the same level so we turned towards it to ensure that we passed behind it."

"As we did so it accelerated across

our nose, displaying a long line of small lights. They were vaguely phosphorescent and vanished off to our left at high speed. It was impossible to say exactly how far away it was but I would guess it was about a mile."

"It was definitely not an aircraft, of that I am positive. None of us had ever seen anything like it before. We are all bitter, cynical aviators who like to find a scientific explanation for everything. But this has got us foxed."

Mr Howard Miles, the director of the artificial satellite section of the British Astronomical Association, came up with just such an explanation. "Everything fits with a satellite

re-entering the earth's atmosphere", he said. "It is a standard description with the greenish glow as the parts of the satellite break up."

"Although for the moment I cannot say exactly which satellite it was I am sure it was one," said Mr Miles.

But he had at least one reservation. "They normally burn up about 80 miles up and the aircraft was only ten miles high," he said. "It must therefore have been an optical illusion with the actual lights being much further away."

Mr Colin was delighted to have a plausible scientific explanation. "But there are still some questions remaining to be asked..." he said.



# SATURDAY PEOPLE

Focus on local folk



●U.F.O expert Steve Balon.  
(Picture by Frank Knowles.)

TRAPPED in the farmhouse were seven rational, but frightened people. Around them, in the twilight sky over Edgworth, an strange craft hovered menacingly.

Suddenly the huge, brilliant object, estimated by witnesses to be 200 feet in diameter, zipped over the horizon — and, within hours, Leigh's Steve Balon, the region's UFO detective, was on the scene.

In a week when one highly-respected newspaper reported allegations that the US Government are covering up the discovery of a crashed UFO containing four dead aliens, it was very apt to drive down to Woodlands Avenue, Pennington, to talk to the North-west investigator for DIGAP — The Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena.

And, after 20 years watching, waiting, and hoping for tangible evidence of life beyond the stars, patiently expecting that close encounter, does Steve Balon still believe?

"Oh, yes," he said vigorously. "There are hard irrefutable facts. People reject the idea of UFOs, or life on another planet, because of fear."

"Take the Edgworth case, in 1985. The UFO was seen to fly off in the direction of Delph. I went along to a quarry over there and saw, with my own eyes, burn marks on the ground."

"I talked with nine witnesses who saw the craft."

There are other cases. Nine years ago Bolton woman Shelley Barnes claimed she was abducted near the Runworth area by

## Steve's massive catalogue of close encounters

**John Hodson talks to the area's main UFO detective**

an alien craft. "We took her to a hypnotist who specialises in regression," said Steve. "Shelley told us she was taken on board the craft and was held in a dome-shaped room, surrounded by alien beings. They did not touch her and later let her free."

"Perhaps more sinister, several days after the incident, she was visited at home by two men dressed in black (this is not uncommon in these cases), who tried to frighten her into not talking to anyone about her experience. Who these men were no-one knows."

Steve has been interested in the UFO phenomenon since, as a 13-year-old, he took up astronomy and spotted what he is convinced was a formation of alien craft in the night skies. His home is filled with books, magazines and

videos on the subject — serious thesis lining up alongside tomes on Dr. Who and Star Trek. Steve was, and still is, an ardent fan of the good Doctor and Mr Spock.

But he does not, he insists, get science fiction mixed up with science fact.

Although a fan of the more lurid Hollywood epics on the subject, he says the film industry has much to answer for after giving people a pre-conceived idea of aliens as bug-eyed monsters.

"Who knows what they are, or where they come from? I am convinced that there are positive and negative forces throughout the universe. But why should they come to destroy us?"

### Theory

"They could be beings of pure energy, or in a different dimension to ours; they could be with us all the time. A theory I do subscribe to is that this type of phenomena is experienced more often than not by people who are psychic."

One of the weirdest cases Steve has investigated over the years was the incident of THE SILVER-SUITED

FIGURE. Nine years ago, four young men driving through Rainford, Merseyside, were confronted by the figure of a seven-foot tall silver-suited being.

It had short, claw-like hands, a dome-shaped head and on its chest three red lights flickered on and off. "Needless to say," said Steve, "they certainly got out of the area quickly."

### Atomic

Shortly afterwards a Mr Ken Edwards was driving around the Risley atomic energy complex, when a similar figure stopped him in his tracks.

"It shone a beam of light at him which forced him back into his seat. Later he could not account for 30 minutes. But he does remember the figure walking through the fence and towards the complex."

"Ken died of cancer four years later — it has to be asked was this as a result of contact with an alien being? And more and more of today's sightings are of beings, as opposed to craft."

"No power on earth can produce the type of sightings that people are reporting all over the world. They have to come from beyond this planet and I am convinced the authorities are keeping the true facts from us."

### Target

Bolton itself is a UFO target, claims Steve, and has been so for a number of years, particularly in the Rivington area.

There is the famed Bolton Triangle. Connect Turton Tower, Rivington Moor and Anglezarke Moor on a map and within that area there have been more UFO sightings than probably anywhere else in the North-west.

"The theory is that along those lines connecting the three areas are the mysterious key lines, along which are ancient burial grounds, emitting electrical forces. I don't know why, but they seem to attract UFO phenomena."

"There have been a lot of reports. But a lot more people don't want to talk about their experiences, for fear of ridicule, or just plain fear. Keeping this sort of thing bottled up can drive you insane."

### Appeal

"I urge anyone who has had an unexplained experience to write to me at 10, Woodlands Avenue, Leigh. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence."

Steve, himself, has never had a close encounter of the third kind — actual contact with an alien — but he lives in hope. "If I was invited on board an alien craft, I don't know what I'd do. I hope that I would have the courage to go."

## The World of Books

# Close Encounters of a lucrative kind

TWO years ago novelist Whitley Strieber woke to find himself being scrutinised by a grey-faced, lipless, bald-headed alien with massive, impenetrable eyes and limbs like a grasshopper's.

He was transported to a spacecraft, had probes inserted into various orifices by bug-like beings smelling of burnt cardboard, and was subsequently returned to his bed, traumatised, sore-nosed and filled with 'an insane desire to come out with this in public.'

This desire was not as insane as you might suppose. The resulting book, *Communion — A True Story* currently tops the U.S. non-fiction bestsellers having sold over three million copies, has earned its author a million dollars, and attracts 50 letters daily from hitherto closet alien-spotters.

'I get chilled at the thought of being called Mr UFO,' protests Strieber, who is busily writing the screenplay, 'but for whatever reason, this came into my life.'

'We're dealing here with something extraordinary from beyond, or something extraordinary in ourselves.'

We are also, of course, dealing with something which cynics might say is a load of



*Communion. A True Story - Encounters With The Unknown by Whitley Strieber (Century, £10.95)*

**Review by VAL HENNESSY**

codswallop. Not that Strieber hasn't anticipated the cynics.

'At first I thought I was losing my mind,' he admits disarmingly, 'but I was interviewed by three psychiatrists and three psychologists and found to fall within the normal range in all respects.' Forestalling further scepticism he actually reproduces these psychiatric reports in an appendix.

Furthermore, and despite the words 'A True Story' which are printed at the end of every page to hammer the message home, he even entertains the possibility that the events he describes may not in fact have actually happened.

'This may be just a very deep working of my mind,' he concedes, 'but something is here, be it a message from the stars or from the booming labyrinth of the human subconscious.'

To tell the truth I couldn't put *Communion* down. The booming labyrinth of my own subconscious perked up and pulsed at Strieber's description of long legged beasts, and things going bump in the

night, and creepy female 'visitors' with deep voices who made indelicate genital examinations and etched mysterious triangles on to Strieber's arm.

Ludicrous? Fantastic? Who cares. It's a wild, compulsive read encompassing close encounters, hypnosis, and snippets of the paranormal.

Did you know, for instance, that the word 'Chernobyl' in Ukrainian means wormwood which happens to be the name of the star in the Book of Revelation that will poison a third of the world's waters?

So what, you might say. So what, I said myself until I suddenly got scared of perhaps being woken one night by Strieber's skinny bald-heads determined to put me in my place.

Besides, if a Dr Bruce Maccabee (U.S. Navy research physicist) is prepared to stick his neck out and be quoted on the dustjacket insisting that, as a result of this book, 'we human beings must begin a re-evaluation of ourselves and our place in the history of the universe' then I, for one, am not going to poke my stick into Strieber's spokes.

'The scoffing must stop,' he says, while ruefully admitting to having scoffed about UFOs himself in the past.

So who are the visitors? Where do they come from?



A real space oddity: Author Whitley Strieber (with wife) and inset, the alien who beamed him up as a human guinea-pig for extra-terrestrial research.

Why are they here? Why doesn't Strieber whip his camera out next time they call? Alas, we must wait for the answers.

Meanwhile, Strieber, being a glutton for punishment, includes his address at the end of the book, inviting

correspondence and confidences from all the extra-terrestrially inclined.

Friends tell me he's been overworking lately. And more than that I dare not say in case one of them Out There beams me up and sticks a probe up my nostril.

# Is anybody there?

Six out of ten believe we are visited by UFOs says expert



MARIE AYNES 'We can't know'



KATE ADAMS 'There can't be'



IAN LYNSEY 'Who knows?'



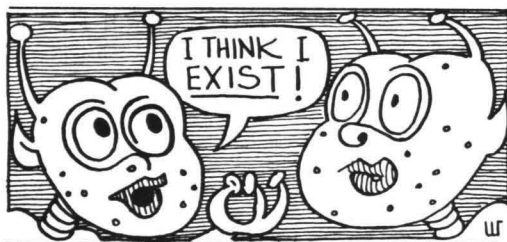
MURVYN BERGIN 'Someone there'



ROBERT HICKS 'Several sightings'



VERNE LANDSBERG 'I believe'



LITTLE GREEN MEN: We tracked these typical visitors down and they told us it must be true...



MARIA LAURA 'Must be true'

UFOs - little green men from Mars or beings from distant civilisations? The products of a fevered imagination or a real phenomenon backed up by facts and photographs?

Over the weekend sceptics and believers alike gathered in a London hotel for a UFO symposium organised by the Aetherius Society to debate and discuss the extra-terrestrial issues.

We did a little space-travelling through London's streets to find out what people thought of UFOs.

Kate Adams, 25, a computer operator from Chelmsford wasn't sure. "I don't know. I have not seen one and nobody I know has either. There might be something out there but I think if there was we would have caught one by now."

## By OWEN HUGHES

Ian Lynsey, 25, from Beckenham, said he would give UFOs the benefit of the doubt. "I don't think they exist but if I saw one perhaps I would change my mind."

"Lots of people have taken photographs of what they say are flying saucers, so who knows?"

But Verne Landsberg, 76, a visitor to London from Australia, thinks there are spacecraft visiting the earth.

"I believe in them; I went to a display in Sydney where there were lots of people speaking who said they had seen them."

"I don't think they could all be wrong - there must be something in it."

Post Office worker Murvyn Bergin, 24, of Clapton believes the trackless wastes of space have to contain something more than uninhabited asteroids.

"It is such a big universe and I don't think human beings are the only things living in it. There is something or someone else out there."

It is a theory that 50 year-old Brian Bailey of Ealing would agree with. Although he has not spotted a UFO himself he believes others who say they have.

"Yes, it is a strong possibility. Our world is far too small to be the only planet with life on it in the universe."

Italian journalist Maria Laura who lives in South London is another convert to the belief that UFOs exist. "There are so many sightings and photographs that people cannot have invented everything."

"I am convinced this is not the only world. I have not seen a UFO but I wish I had!"

Robert Hicks 24, who works in a business machinery firm said: "Quite a lot of people including pilots have

made sightings."

Robert, from Dartford, added: "There is quite a lot of space out there and it seems to be sensible to think that we are not alone."

Marie Ayres 37, who comes from Bermondsey and works in a publishing company, reckons UFOs may or may not exist.

"I have not seen any but I suppose there are some about or at least things that are different to us. I think it is wrong to say they don't exist when we can't know they don't."

The last word should go to the man who knows there are UFOs visiting earth.

Mr Richard Lawrence, secretary of the Aetherius Society said: "You just cannot dismiss us as a lot of cranks. We have thousands of members across the world."

The Aetherius Society's telephone is 01-736 4187.

## Poland's army paper reports UFO sightings

WARSAW, Poland (AP) - Poland's official army newspaper reported that several military pilots spotted mysterious objects flying silently over the country at high speeds, and it asked readers to report any similar incidents.

"Object Sailed Without Sound - Unidentified Flying Objects Over Poland" read the headline Sunday in the army daily *Zolnierz Wolnosci* (Soldier of Freedom).

"I saw a plane passing about 60 yards below me with a plume of bright fire trailing it. I was surprised, because I should have heard the roar of a jet engine, while the plane passed by me without a sound," the article quoted the pilot of an AN-2 plane as saying. The Soviet-designed AN-2 is not a jet. It is a single-engine craft capable of carrying 12 passengers.

The newspaper did not say when the incident occurred but said similar reports had been received from other pilots.

The article also gave a report of another military pilot describing a UFO sighting but did not say when.

It quoted him as saying, "That night we were to practice interception. All of a sudden someone cried out to look up."

"Right above us an object was sailing eastwards at an altitude of some 600 yards. . . . It was literally sailing by, as no sound could be heard. Physically, it seemed impossible."

A third incident reportedly occurred in July 1983 when two pilots received orders to intercept an airborne object.

"After I got to a distance of 300 yards, I noticed its strange shape," the article quoted a Lt. Marek J. as saying, without giving his last name. "It was something that did not resemble anything flying in the air. The object was an oblong cylinder."

According to the lieutenant's account, the object seemed to toy with his jet fighter until finally, "as if bored," it sped out of sight.

The flying saucer is 40 years old, but no-one is throwing a party

# I see no spaceships!

There's a UFO cover-up say skywatchers

THE flying saucer is 40 years old this week, but the UFO department of the Ministry of Defence won't be holding a party.

The department consists of one civil servant, a notepad and a filing cabinet.

The solitary official logs UFO reports in the notepad and then uses the filing cabinet in which to dispose of them.

"They're all filed" explains the MoD, which means they are never heard of again.

"If we had a report of a UFO hovering over a Cruise missile base, for instance, we would investigate. We're only interested in a military connection."

"We have heard nothing to suggest that UFOs are in any way hostile and we still have no proof they are from outer space."

This is how far we've come since pilot Kenneth Arnold spotted nine bizarre objects zig-zagging over the mountains on America's west coast in June 24 1947.

By ANDREW McKENNA

He described them as "a chain of saucer-like things" and Pressmen dubbed them 'flying saucers'.

Arnold wrote a book called *The Coming of The Saucers* and they've been coming ever since.

The trouble is that no-one knows what they are, who's in them and where they're coming from.

Not only saucers can fly. Thousands of reports from across the planet list flying cigars, triangles, rectangles, spheres, blimps, tops, and lights.

UFOs, which have been recorded since ancient times, have been spotted by airmen, pilots,



There's one! A UFO photographed by a bank employee in Warrington, Cheshire, in 1978

doctors, business executives, farmers, police, servicemen and former US president Jimmy Carter - not just by people walking dog at closing time.

A new survey says that one in six of us has had a Close Encounter of the First Kind (which means we've seen something odd in the sky).

But officialdom's reaction has been to shrug its

shoulders, smile gently and proffer a list of 'explanations'.

In 40 years these have included: clouds, meteors, aircraft, ball lightning, lighthouses, tricks of the light, reflections, the planet Venus, alcohol, hallucination and, amazingly, badgers.

Tell that to the fighter pilot who chased a UFO 'the size of a Boeing 707' across the skies above

Tehran in September 1976.

He described it as an intensely brilliant object with flashing lights. Suddenly a smaller bright object descended from it and rushed towards him at unbelievable speed.

He attempted to fire a missile, but all his weapons and communication systems suddenly failed.

The smaller object re-

joined the 'mother ship' which landed on the ground casting a glow up to two miles around it.

The report comes not from Steven Spielberg, but from the CIA.

It was kept secret until the enactment of the Freedom of Information Act.

UFO buff Richard Lawrence of the London-based Aetherius Society says: "Over the

past 40 years we've seen a great UFO cover-up by world authorities."

The society, which believes many UFOs are literally out of this world, recently obtained a wad of reports from the US which reveal an official cover-up of an airline pilot's UFO sighting over Alaska.

Such unearthly behaviour is common, Lawrence reckons.



# Did the aliens warn Neil Armstrong off the Moon?

THE Americans have captured a crashed UFO (unidentified flying object) with four dead aliens inside it, claims the author of a startling new book about flying saucers, Timothy Good.

American spaceships have constantly been shadowed by UFOs, he says, but astronauts have been forbidden to talk about it. And when astronauts Neil Armstrong and "Buzz" Aldrin stepped on to the Moon in 1969, he claims they were watched by two huge UFOs that were sitting on the edge of a crater.

Just another flying saucer crank?

Not at all, says Admiral of the Fleet and ex-Chief of Defence Staff Lord Hill-Norton in a powerful foreword to the book.

Lord Hill-Norton denies that Mr Good is "a nut-case" and says he is a thorough researcher whose book is based "soundly upon fact and a great deal of most convincing evidence which I have not seen in print before."

## DOCUMENT

Mr Good's claims are so sensational that even he admits at one stage that many readers may "wonder if I have taken leave of my senses." He claims:-

● That he obtained early this year a top secret 1952 American Government document confirming that a UFO crashed in New Mexico in 1947 and that the Americans retrieved the saucer itself and the corpses of "four small human-like beings."

● That each American President is briefed about a secret intelligence group-



## Books by GRAHAM LORD

Majestic 12—that investigates reports of UFO sightings, then covers them up to prevent public panic.

● That although Neil Armstrong continually denies the report about UFOs on the moon, he has privately confessed that the Americans "were warned off" the Moon by the UFOs and that "there was never any question then of a space station or a Moon city" because "their ships were far superior to ours."

● That in Britain there are so many hundreds of UFO sightings each year that a secret 30-man Ministry of Defence UFO tracking station and research centre at RAF Rudloe Manor in Wiltshire is manned 24 hours a day—and that he was arrested at midnight when he started nosing around the area.

● That Prince Philip believes in UFOs and has told him: "There are many reasons to believe that they do exist. There is so much evidence from reliable witnesses."

Prince Philip is so interested in the subject, says Mr Good, that he regularly receives the magazine *Flying Saucer Review* and ordered a

copy of Mr Good's previous UFO book *George Adamski—The Untold Story*.

His uncle Lord Mountbatten was also fascinated by UFOs and seems to have been convinced that a flying saucer landed on his estate at Broadlands in Hampshire in 1955.

## SURVIVE

Mountbatten, yet another Admiral of the Fleet and Chief of the Defence Staff, even said of UFOs: "If they really come over in a big way, that may settle the capitalist-communist war. If the human race wishes to survive they may have to band together"—a point that was reiterated two years ago by President Reagan in a conversation with Russian leader Gorbachev at Geneva.

Does Reagan know something sensational about UFOs? Does Gorbachev? Are our leaders hiding something from us all?

Timothy Good insists they are—and the wild, weird case he argues in *ABOVE TOP SECRET: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up* (Sidgwick, £14.95) includes scores of stories of world wide UFO sightings and contacts (by ordinary mortals, Russians,

Chinese, even President Jimmy Carter) that are sometimes difficult to explain—like the 1984 sighting over Stanmore in Middlesex by no fewer than eight policemen, for as long as two hours.

What to make of it all? I'm still sceptical, but millions aren't. Even Air Chief Marshall Lord Dowding once said of UFOs: "I am convinced that these objects do exist and that they are not manufactured by any nation on Earth."

And as recently as 1985 the Zimbabwe air force scrambled two Hawk jets to try to intercept, in vain, a UFO that was tracked on radar above Bulawayo.

Zimbabwe Air Commodore David Thorne told Mr Good: "As far as my Air Staff are concerned, we believe implicitly that the unexplained UFOs are from some civilization beyond our planet."

## No probe on UFO jet drama

AN INCIDENT involving a UFO and a jumbo jet is not to be investigated, British Airways confirmed yesterday.

The no-probe decision follows a report that a BA airliner was forced by a UFO to take diversionary action over Russia.

The incident, described in a letter to The Times by the flight's first officer, Anthony Colin, happened as the BA jumbo flew from Heathrow to Bangkok two months ago.

All five crew members, described in The Times as "seasoned, sceptical professionals", were baffled by the UFO with twinkling lights.

Mr Colin, crew spokesman, wrote: "It was definitely not an aircraft. None of us had ever seen anything like it before."

Russian air traffic control reported no other aircraft in the area at the time.

NEWS ON SUNDAY, London, England - June 28, 1987 CR: T. Good

LANCASHIRE EVENING TELEGRAPH, Blackburn, England - June 23, 1987 CR: T. Good

## Call to UFO spotters

A SPECIAL hot-line has been set up for reporting UFO sightings in the Lancashire area. The Yorkshire UFO Network has launched an ansaphone service and is asking the public to ring in with any sightings on Batley 444049. Alternatively, people can contact Rod Howarth, the network's local investigator, on Burnley 51315.

## SATURDAY PEOPLE



Timothy Good — "reliable sources"

## Little Green Menuhin

IN 1947 the bodies of four aliens and the wreckage of their crashed spacecraft were recovered in New Mexico and taken away for examination by a top secret study group. That's official.

Correction. The events are outlined in an official-looking 1952 memorandum leaked to UFO researcher Timothy Good and reproduced in a book carrying the seal of approval of Lord Hill-Norton, a former Chief of the Defence Staff.

Good's researches (I started at school and never looked back) have followed a parallel orbit to his career as a professional violinist. Dubbed "the Little Green Menuhin," he was with the LSO for 14 years and now undertakes session work.

The memorandum, which purports to be an "eyes only" briefing for President-elect Eisenhower on Operation Majestic 12, offers the tentative conclusion that "although these creatures are human—like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary process responsible for their development has been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo sapiens."

Their intentions and the propulsion system of their small, disc-shaped craft evinced similar bafflement.

Good, aged 44, admits he cannot authenticate the documents, which he claims were given to him in facsimile form by a source he refuses to name. However, he produces corroborative detail to confirm the existence of Operation Majestic 12 and its "above top secret" designation.

"It could, of course, be a skillful piece of disinformation to discredit my book, but I believe my sources are reliable and that it will be authenticated in due course. I think the US will be the first to admit the existence of alien craft."

The memorandum is the most potent weapon yet to fall into the hands of Earthlings intent on exposing a cover-up, a theory espoused by Lord Hill-Norton in his foreword. Good claims that George Ward, Britain's air minister in the mid-50s, privately admitted the reality of UFOs to a mutual friend while publicly denying their existence.

Well, what is the little swines, game — tourism? Perhaps, says Good. "I personally think there are several different extra-terrestrial races studying the Earth for a variety of reasons. I feel that some have a vested interest in our planet."

"Some are engaged in genetic experiments, for what ultimate purpose I have no idea. Hundreds of people claim to have been abducted. I don't think are all lying."

Perhaps the aliens want to serve man, but find the taste needs further improvement.

Above Top Secret is published by Sidgwick & Jackson on July 13, £14.95.

## MYSTERY

## UFO report tells of jet pilots' close encounter

FLYING saucer spotters who gathered yesterday in a London hotel for the first national symposium on unidentified flying objects were treated to a remarkable report from the United States' government.

The 300-page document released by the Federal Aviation Authority concerned an incident involving a Japan Air Lines 747 flying over Alaska last November.

The report concerns JAL flight 1628, and includes testimony from Kenji Terauchi, the flight captain, who described in vivid detail an experience he and his crew shared as they flew 35,000ft above the Alaskan tundra en route from Iceland to Anchorage.

Terauchi said they suddenly saw two bright lights moving sporadically 600 metres below them and to their left, "like two bear cubs playing".

The crew had just confirmed with Anchorage traffic control that no civil or military flights were in the area when interference made communications virtually impossible. This was followed by a brilliant light shining directly into the cockpit. In front of them, said Terauchi, was the discernible outline of a craft.

"Its shape was a square, flying 500-1,000ft in front of us, very slightly higher in altitude," Terauchi told inspectors. "Its size was about the same as the body of a DC-8 jet and with numerous exhaust pipes. The firing of the exhaust jets varied, perhaps to maintain balance."

From this, he went on, several tiny bright objects detached themselves and flew in formation parallel to the

jumbo jet. The crew found they were able to use their VHF transmitter to Anchorage air traffic control which reported it was unable to find anything on radar.

When the 747 landed, Terauchi and the crew were separately debriefed and, according to the FAA report, their stories tallied. The federal official responsible, Franklin Cunningham, said the flight crew, who were tested for drugs and alcohol, were "professional and rational" when interviewed.

One man who has no reason to doubt the finding is Lord Hill-Norton, the former British chief of defence staff, who believes that governments are deliberately concealing information about UFOs: "The plain fact is that there are far too many reports from highly-reputable people about sightings of UFOs: people such as policemen, airline pilots and doctors, whose testimony on any other subject would be accepted without question."

Hill-Norton also believes there is a strong defence interest at stake: "It is intellectually unacceptable to claim that there is no defence interest in the face of the world-wide evidence."

The term "flying saucer" was coined by journalists in 1947 when Kenneth Arnold, an Idaho businessman, described the movement of nine disc-shaped objects spotted from the window of his light aircraft. His sightings started a saucer-spotting frenzy that even the most committed believers would accept produced as many cunning, mocked-up shots as "genuine" snaps of passing Martians.

Toby Moore

BUCKS HERALD, Aylesbury, England June 18, 1987 CR: T. Good

## Was glowing object a UFO?

A SOUTHCOAST man set his sights high on Friday night when he thought he spotted a UFO.

Mr. Sidney Coomber, of Hampden Road, Aylesbury, was on his way home from a drive with his wife, Nancy, when he saw a red glow in the sky.

He said he first saw the UFO on his way to Bishopstone from Princes Risborough. He saw it from Eythrope Road, Stone, and

later from Oxford Road, Aylesbury.

"It was as plain as the nose on your face," said Mr. Coomber, who has never seen a UFO before.

"It was so fantastic when we saw it through the trees."

"It was very red, like the sun, but it was huge. It was glowing red and like a mushroom on top of another. Then all of a sudden it had disappeared."

"It must have been travelling at thousands of miles an hour."

WESTERN EVENING HERALD, Plymouth, England June 29, 1987 CR: T. Good

## UFOs spate baffles Polish forces

MEMBERS of Poland's armed forces have sighted several unidentified flying objects.

A newspaper reported that an air force pilot flying near the south-eastern city of Mielec spotted what appeared to be a mysterious aircraft.

"I saw the aircraft passing 60 yards below me and with a plume of bright flames trailing behind, but I was surprised I didn't hear the roar of a jet engine," the pilot was quoted as saying. "The aircraft gave off no sound whatsoever."

Similar sightings have been reported in other parts of Poland including Warsaw, where a group of air force pilots saw an object gliding silently past at an altitude of about 600 yards and trailing two jets of bright orange flame. "It is difficult to suspect that a whole group of people could have suffered a hallucination," the paper commented.

## Visit from UFO expert

THE head of a top UFO society has visited the city as part of a nationwide effort to make people take flying-saucer sightings more seriously. Richard Lawrence, secretary of the London-based Aetherius Society, appeared in a phone-in programme on Hereward Radio, in which he challenged sceptics to be more open-minded.

### CONDUCTED

A number of local callers rang in claiming that they had seen UFOs in different places.

And Mr. Lawrence claimed that his society had conducted a poll which showed that 60 per cent of the British public believe spacecraft are visiting earth.

"We want to free UFO sightings of ridicule," he said.

"According to our figures one in seven people in Britain have actually seen extra-terrestrial craft, and it is far too easy to be cynical," he went on.



UFO expert Mr Richard Lawrence. (Photo: W7740.7)

A PEACEFUL evening in Myers Lane, Loxley... then suddenly, over the brow of a hill, a couple in a car see a cloud of light with a figure in it.

The terrified pair say they sped off, chased down the road by the apparition. The incident is one of a number

written about in a book being published next week. Strange Sheffield is by Rob Wilson and David Clarke, who is South Yorkshire Investigator for the British UFO Research Association.

"I tried a reconstruction, but the Myers Lane sighting in the late Seventies remains a

mystery," said David, of Old Retford Road, Handsworth. He is the man likely to be called in to any sightings reported to the new, 24-hour Yorkshire UFO Hotline (0924) 444049. But if anyone has seen anything unusual in the Loxley area, David would like to hear directly on 694537.

## TRANSLATIONS

Location of incident: unknown

Date of incident: c. 5,000,000 B.C.

Source: Luis Ramírez Reyes's "Cosas Increíbles" column in "Muñecos," Book No. 45 of ULTIMA MODA, p 39

### THE WOMAN ASTRONAUT FROM VENUS

Garcilaso de la Vega (Inca historian, 1539?-1616--trans.) relates that almost five million years ago, when there was no human being inhabiting the planet, which was populated only by fantastic animals, a resplendent ship came to Earth from Venus with a woman similar to an earthling, though she had a cone-shaped head, large ears, and palmate hands with four fingers. She walked upright, possessed great intelligence, and tried to create humanity by dealing with a tapir who gave her monsters for children, an event that made the Venusian return to her place of origin...

Location of incidents: Mazatlán, Sinaloa, Mexico

Dates of incidents: frequently

Source: Luis Ramírez Reyes's "Cosas Increíbles" column in "Muñecos," Book No. 45 of ULTIMA MODA, p. 40

### LUMINOUS OBJECTS IN MAZATLAN

Elizabeth Brodden, who was Miss Mexico two years ago, confidently relates that on an island off the coasts of Mazatlán, where the beauty is from, there are seen very luminous unidentified flying objects that land and then rise up. This occurs periodically at about four in the morning, and keeps the population expectant, and it does not dare go to the place when it is dark. In the face of this, the young woman faithfully believes in the existence of civilizations on other worlds, who visit ours, and therefore she dedicates herself to the study of UFOs after having retired from modeling and the world of show business. She also confessed to this column to have become very spiritual and different from other girls her age...

Location of incident: Ceballos, Durango, Mexico

Date of incident: no later than spring 1986

Source: Luis Ramírez Reyes's "Cosas Increíbles" column in "Muñecos," Book No. 45 of ULTIMA MODA, pp. 39-40

### A UFO FRIGHTENS IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE

A couple who was travelling not long ago from the city of Torreón, Coahuila, to Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, was frightened by a UFO one night when they were driving to the border. Passing through the town of Ceballos, where there is the turn-off to the Zone of Silence, they saw in the darkness a light that attracted their attention, as it did not look like a bright star. The luminosity grew bigger and bigger as it slowly approached the vehicle, which suddenly lost power. The couple, frightened, contemplated the phenomenon,

which, as it approached, gave off multiple colors. For a moment, claim the witnesses to ULTIMA MODA--whose names they prefer to keep quiet--they felt they were going to be lifted up by the spectacular light, which had by now positioned itself above them; they passed some seconds of distress, and then everything returned to calm: the "light" began to ascend to disappear in the infinite in a fraction of a second, and the automobile regained energy to continue the trip. To date, this couple does not drive through the area at night...

Location of incident: a near north-side neighborhood of Mexico City, D.F., Mexico

Date of incident: June 1985

Source: "Muñecos," ULTIMA MODA's Book No. 45, p. 38, Luis Ramírez's "Cosas Increíbles" column

### STRANGE BALLOONS IN MEXICO CITY

One of our readers, young Gerardo Jiménez, in fact Coordination assistant for Claudio Lenk's series "De Todo un Poco" on XEW, revealed that in June 1985 at nine at night he made out in Nonoalco-Tlatelolco a light that slowly ascended into the sky. That which appeared behind the Chihuahua building attracted his attention to the extent that he invited some friends to witness the strange spectacle, which they watched with binoculars and which lasted fifteen minutes. The light was white and when it reached a certain height it remained still, to then behave like a balloon that was moving from one side to the other. Soon it began to change color. It remained static again and after some seconds it moved in a horizontal line toward Ajusco hill, completely losing itself from sight in a short time. Gerardo confessed that he did not believe in UFOs until he witnessed the preceding.

Location and date of incident: McAllen, Tex., March 27, 1973

Location and date of incident: Reynosa, Tamps., Mexico, c. April 1, 1973

Source: Book No. 45 of ULTIMA MODA (Mexican women's magazine), "Muñecos... y simpáticos animalitos," Aug. 1986, p. 38, item in the "Cosas Increíbles" column written by Luis Ramírez Reyes

### UFOS SEEN BY OUR READERS

A married lady--who only gave us her initials, R.A.H.--reported to us from McAllen, Texas, that on March 27, 1973, a type of ball of fire was seen moving at great speed in the sky, after which people remarked that at one moment the phenomenon converted into a flying saucer with windows on the sides. She also claims that, besides this occurrence, in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, a few days later, she was sitting on a bench, it must have been around nine at night, when in the starry sky there was heard a thunderclap "like it was going to rain"; when the lady stood up she caught "two more thunderclaps," then another, to at once admire a powerful radiance that lit up the area; the light was a very intense yellow color. The reader relates that a boy managed to see that it released a sphere "of light" that fell next to Reynosa.

Location of incident: San Miguelito Mountains, San Luis Potosí, Mexico

Date of incident: August 4, 1967

Source: ULTIMA MODA (women's magazine published in Mexico City), August 15, 1986 (XIX:398), p. 89, item in Luis Ramírez Reyes's "Cosas Increíbles" column

### UFOS IN THE MOUNTAINS

Sr. Manuel Rivera López was witness to the journey of four unidentified flying objects, on August 4, 1967, when he was hunting in the San Miguelito Mountains in San Luis Potosí. It was eight-thirty at night and he suddenly saw pass overhead some craft with very sharp edges and metallic appearance, which were flying preceded by a sphere that seemed transparent and of a pale yellow color. The objects were observed for a good time due to their low speed and height, and they stirred up a multitude of animal noises in the area, perhaps due to the fright and impression of the vehicles...

Location of incident: presumably off the coast of Spanish Sahara, a territory of Spain in northwest Africa

Date of incident: summer of 1972

Source: ULTIMA MODA (Mexican women's magazine), Dec. 15, 1986 (XX:406), p. 38, item in Luis Ramírez Reyes's "Cosas Increíbles" column

### FISHERMEN FRIGHTENED BY EXTRATERRESTRIAL SHIP

The fishermen aboard the ship "Manolo Cid" experienced a great fright when, at midnight, the captain saw a luminous disc that was approaching the vessel, which was rocking one calm summer night in 1972, in the vicinity of the coast of Sahara, in Spain (sic). The man shone a powerful searchlight at the UFO and the object, of large dimensions, in some seconds positioned itself above the mast of the boat, filling the whole area with light. Terrorized, Antonio Abeilán Guerrero, in charge of the crew, loosened the bulb and dove head-first into the depths of the engine room; the sailors wanted to jump into the sea, so strongly were they affected. When the thing passed, after making the vessel vibrate while the light was changing colors; after landing, the men hid in their houses for several days, and refused to talk even with their relatives.

(All translations credit Richard Heiden)





OBSERVER, Canton, MI - Feb. 26, 1987

## Mysterious happenings intrigue him

By Corinne Abatt  
staff writer

Mark McPherson probes the great mysteries of the world with an enthusiasm, energy and zest that's as infectious as laughter. He lives the dream everyday, caught, as if by magic, in the excitement and heroics that color the most dramatic pages of history and literature, ancient and modern.

His is a multi-level commitment, resting securely on a foundation of reading and study, coupled with a desire to pursue the unknown and build a higher level of awareness in the process.

He has dived in the dark waters of Loch Ness in pursuit of the monster and, in the clear blue of the Caribbean off the coast of Florida, near Bimini, for the lost continent of Atlantis, combed the fortress-site of King Arthur's Camelot for the ruined ramparts, led ghost hunts to houses and castles, researched the mysteries that surround Christopher Marlowe and William Shakespeare and followed the trail of many unexplained phenomena such as Sasquatch, the Shroud of Turin and UFOs.

McPherson will be the guest at a Cranbrook Writers' Guild fund-raiser at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield. The program, "An Evening of Mystery and Myth," is subtitled, "Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About the Unknown." Tickets, \$15 or \$25 for patrons, may be reserved by calling 646-4963. They will also be available at the door.

"I WANT to provide a cohesive look at a number of great mysteries . . . and the theme that runs through all of them," he said.

And yes, he said, he will talk about Shirley MacLaine and added, "I think I'll kind of Donahue the audience, and have them speak of their experiences . . . I have a lot of slide material — UFOs, ghosts, Shroud of Turin, Sasquatch, Yetti — there is so much information, it's interesting to see how it all relates."

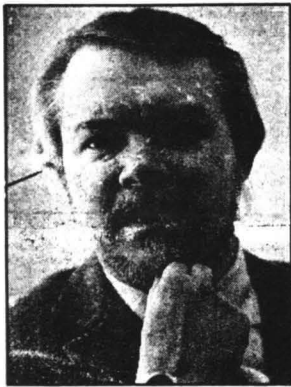
In his conversation, a non-stop mixture of philosophy, history, mythology, literary references, psychic phenomenon and sociological inquiry, from ancient Egypt to present-day California, he includes bits and pieces of personal experience.

"People ask me if I believe in ghosts. No, I tell them, I've seen too many of 'em."

He recalls using borrowed equipment when he dove at Loch Ness, "I almost killed myself, the regulator failed. It's like diving into a can of black paint."

Suprisingly, this closely paralleled an experience the hero of a book he had written earlier had at the same site. His diving equipment also failed.

At both Loch Ness and in the Caribbean, he was looking for sunken stone sites. He said he isn't sure what



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

**Mark McPherson will show slides and talk about myths and mysteries in his program for the Cranbrook Writers' Guild at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7.**

he found on the ocean floor near Bimini was beach rock erosion or temple structures.

"I'VE GOTTEN a lot of enjoyment out of rushing headlong into some of these legends," he said, adding that the hands-on experiences have changed his thinking and given him confidence in himself.

"What I'd like very much to do next is to explore the uncharted pyramids in Peru (not far from the lost city of Machu Picchu). To forestall problems with unfriendly natives skilled with blow-guns, poisonous snakes and difficult terrain, McPherson said it would be best to go in by military helicopter. He's hoping someone will agree to bankroll the project.

As he speaks of extraterrestrials throughout history, he said, "Their message is always the same, 'Learn to get it together . . . A lot of people see this as a prophetic time. Doors are opening. Other doors are closing.'"

McPherson is working on a novel based on his research of Shakespeare, Marlowe and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes. He suggests a lot of the mystery in the novel may be based on fact.

McPherson, founder and director of Daedalos, "a professional agency for the investigation of matters of unusual, paranormal and historical/archeological interest," said he has been on several interesting cases in recent months. He has eight different programs ready for both large and small audiences.

He compared the way people control their lives to producing a movie, "Everybody's producing their own movie. Some star in it, direct and produce it, others take only a supporting role."

McPherson's movie, has a natural star — a medium-tall, bearded, slightly graying, well-spoken scholar — who has a good, fast-moving script and does all his own stunts.

STARS & STRIPES, West Germany - April 6, 1987 CR: R. Reid

## Scientists' debate over life in space includes strong believers, skeptics

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Scientists searching for intelligent life in outer space say the odds, if not the evidence, tell them extraterrestrials exist, but one skeptic says that's doubtful, otherwise aliens would have visited Earth by now.

"I'd be willing to bet one hundred bucks that between now and the time I die we'll find evidence of intelligent life," said Al Hibbs, a retired space scientist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Hibbs moderated a debate on the issue Friday during the annual meeting of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, a group that debunks claims of supernatural powers.

Committee member Carl Sagan, a Cornell University astronomer, said before the debate that, "in a universe of 100 billion galaxies, each of which has a few hundred billion stars, the idea that our sun is the only star with an inhabited planet is laughable."

"Where do we come off to imagine we're the only kind of life in the universe?"

The speakers agreed there has yet to be a single confirmed report of an unidentified flying object, or UFO, from another planet, but most said they believe intelligent life must exist beyond Earth.

Because there is evidence that planets may exist around a dozen nearby stars, and because the chemical evolution that produced life on Earth exists throughout the known universe, the probability of intelligent life elsewhere is 100 percent, said Frank Drake, dean of natural sciences at the University of California's Santa Cruz campus.

Drake said it's possible extraterrestrial tourists view Earth as "a zoo," and already are here, in "Gray Line buses hovering above us," but choose not to reveal

their presence.

"We are, as best we can tell, the result of completely normal processes, therefore life should be abundant in the universe," said Drake, who also is president of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute, a NASA-funded effort to search for radio signals from alien civilizations.

But Robert Rood, a University of Virginia astronomer, argued that, if advanced, intelligent civilizations exist elsewhere in our Milky Way galaxy, at least one would have colonized the galaxy and reached Earth by now.

"Even at five centuries (of travel time) to reach the nearest star, taking a few thousand years there until it got crowded, and then going to the next star, it takes only 20 million to 30 million years to get across the galaxy," a mere instant in the galaxy's multibillion-year history, Rood said.

He also said it's possible the formation of Earth's moon in a way that created ocean tides on Earth may be unique, thus making the evolution of the first life forms in tidal pools a fluke that occurred only here.

But, when asked if an extraterrestrial life form might exist and simply choose not to explore the galaxy, Rood replied: "That's certainly possible. . . . It requires a certain conceit on our part to think we're the only civilization among all those stars."

Jill Tarter, an institute astronomer, said the organization is seeking \$65 million from NASA to finance a new 10-year systematic search of the heavens for radio signals that could be signs of an alien civilization.

Radio and optical astronomers in seven nations have conducted 48 separate searches for signs of extraterrestrial life in the last 27 years, "yet no one has found anything," Tarter said, adding that she isn't discouraged, since such searches weren't systematic.

## Attacks Lead to Tales Of 'Murphy Monster'

By Griff Palmer  
Tulsa Bureau

MURPHY — Dwayne Stamper doesn't much hold with stories of a mysterious monster stalking this Mayes County community in the Cookson Hills.

But Stamper does know that something big attacked one of his cows last month.

Reports of attacks on livestock around Murphy generated stories about the "Murphy Monster," but Stamper figures it is nothing more than a mountain lion or black bear. He said wildlife experts who inspected his cow's carcass told him the marks could have been made by either animal.

Stamper found his heifer dead last month, within sight of his house. The animal had several scratch marks on its hips, and something tore one ear from its head, he said.

A veterinarian could find no evidence that the cow died from the injuries inflicted in the attack, Stamper said.

"There were no teeth marks or injuries that would have killed it. The vet said it looked like it had just died of a heart attack. I told folks that would probably be what killed me if something like that got after me."

State wildlife experts say stockmen in southeastern Oklahoma occasionally report cattle being attacked by bears. But such attacks

are rarely reported in more densely settled northeastern Oklahoma.

The state is known to still have a few mountain lions, though the majority of confirmed sightings are in western Oklahoma.

Murphy is situated at the foot of a large hill, where the Grand River empties into the Ft. Gibson Reservoir. Since the attack, Stamper said, he has gotten numerous calls from area residents, reporting sightings of mountain lion and bear within a mile of his house.

"We never saw anything come back to the animal, besides a coyote. We thought we might have seen a cat track, but this ground around here is so rocky that you can't track much of anything."

His neighbor, Reba Conway, told Stamper one of her horses was so frightened one night it broke two fences.

Stamper said another neighbor told him he was awakened one night by his dogs' barking. The neighbor said when

he opened the door to investigate, the dogs ran into the house and were afraid to leave.

Dewey Dunn said one of his cows was missing a tail when he brought his herd back from a hillside pasture last summer. Dunn said he heard reports of bear and cougar in the area, but never sighted any of the animals.

Dunn and Stamper said a trapper who works the Murphy area told them he was frightened out of his encampment one night by an unearthly growling.

With each report, the tale of a "Murphy Monster" seems to grow, Dunn and Stamper said.

"The news media have kind of played it up a little far-fetched, I thought," Stamper said. "But the fact remains, something is getting after our livestock. We don't think it's a monster, but we do think it's a big animal, something we're not used to having around here."

DAILY OKLAHOMAN, Oklahoma City, OK

March 17, 1987 CR: T. Adams



TIMOTHY BULLARD/Daily Courier

An "anti-gravitational electromagnetic field" gives the world a tilt for Rebecca Zwart, left, and Dody Cooper.

# Vortex

## Some strange things happen in 'House of Mystery'

By Paul Fattig  
of the Daily Courier

**GOLD HILL** — Have you noticed things rolling uphill lately? Perhaps a broom standing by itself in the middle of the room? And, try as you might, you can't stand straight?

Not to worry.

You've just stepped into the Oregon Vortex, Southern Oregon's answer to the Bermuda Triangle.

"We don't know what causes it but the most accepted theory is refraction of light," says Dody Cooper, 44, whose family has operated the site for 27 years. "That is, when light enters this area, it tends to bend, refract or distort."

Like water in a fish bowl, she'll tell you.

She describes it as an "anti-gravitational electromagnetic field" with the magnetic force in a constant state of flux. Within the 165-foot vortex, folks standing on one end of a level surface appear smaller than they do on the other end and they seem to lean toward magnetic north.

Cooper proves it with several inexplicable demonstrations, including a

wayward plumb line and the broom, held up by an invisible force in the "House of Mystery."

Some swear it's pure hokum fed by hungry imaginations; others argue just as strongly that it's a scientific aberration defying the laws of physics.

But no matter the viewpoint, most agree it's a place of fantasy and fun.

"We encourage visitors to bring their sextants, levels, measuring tapes," says Cooper. "And we want people to go back after the tour to study the demonstrations."

For those who think it's just another roadside tourist trap, Cooper is quick to observe it wasn't established on a principal tourist route.

"If it was, it would be close to the freeway," she says of Interstate 5.

Instead, the site is located about 4½ miles along the winding Sardine Creek Road west of Gold Hill. The site opened March 1 and will continue through Oct. 15. Admission is \$3.50 for adults with a discount for children.

Open to the public since 1930, the site has drawn folks from all over North America as well as Russia, Africa and Japan, she says. It was featured in the

1986 tourist guide, "Roadside America."

The vortex affects people in a variety of different ways, she says, noting that it even relieves some arthritis pain.

"Animals don't come into the affected area," she says, although she admits the force doesn't act as a mosquito repellent come summer. "Yes, we do get mosquitoes."

However, Indians once referred to it as the "forbidden ground" because it frightened their horses, she says.

After gold was discovered in the area in 1854, the Old Grey Eagle Mining Co. was established at the site. During a severe thunderstorm in 1907, the story goes, the firm's assay office and tool shed slid 30 feet down the hill, landing smack in the center of the vortex.

It was the old shack sitting at an angle that John Litster of Scotland, a physicist, geologist and engineer who bought the property in 1914, dubbed the "House of Mystery."

"He simply utilized it because it was in the area," Cooper stresses. "We do not need it for any of the demonstrations. Anybody can build a slanted house."

After Litster died in 1959, the site was purchased by his friends, Ernie and

Irene Cooper, who have since retired. They are Dody Cooper's parents.

Litster conducted some 14,000 experiments on the vortex and even corresponded with Albert Einstein, Dody Cooper says. However, he burned his records before he died because he feared the "world wasn't ready for" what he found, she adds.

She readily acknowledges three of the demonstrations, including the golf ball and bottle rolling uphill, are simply optical illusions.

But the rest, including the broom which can be stood in the middle of the House of Mystery, are all related to the vortex, she says.

"There are seven vortices in the United States," she says. "They are all found along fault lines."

The broom used to stand for as long as 36 hours. But ever since Mount St. Helens blew its top, it'll only stand for a few minutes, she says.

As for Cooper, there is no mystery what draws her to the site.

"It's fun — you meet a lot of people," she says. "About once a year I get someone who doesn't believe what they see. But everyone finds it interesting."

## 'River Beast' Recalled

A "taniwha" living in the Waikato River was still around more than 20 years after it was first discovered, according to a *Herald* reader from Mt. Albert.

An article from the 100 Years Ago column yesterday about a "beast resembling an alligator" terrorising settlers near Hamilton, reminded the woman of an incident involving her father.

The woman, who did not wish to be named, said her family lived on Manutahi Island, near Rangiriri, from 1911 to 1920.

NEW ZEALAND HERALD, Auckland,

New Zealand - Oct. 4, 1986

CR: R. Collyns

Although she was a young child for most of that time, her father later spoke of his brush with the monster.

With a police constable from Huntly, he was dragging the river for the body of a drowning victim, when they saw a struggle going on in a creek ahead.

"A loop of this thing came out of the water," she said.

"It was a terrific thickness, so big he could not have got both his hands around it."

NEWS-DEMOCRAT, Belleville, IL - March 6, 1987

## Scientist: Planets are 'missing mass'

CR: R. Nelke/COUD-I

New York Times

A scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, ruling out a host of exotic possibilities, has calculated that the "missing mass" in the Milky Way galaxy consists of billions of dim, huge planets.

Writing in the current issue of *The Astronomical Journal*, Dr. Jack Hills of Los Alamos said that the "missing mass" needed to hold the Milky Way in a flat spiral of 400 billion stars is

not made up of dust, elementary particles, or interstellar snowballs — all put forward at one time or another. The prime candidates, he said, are objects no smaller than asteroids dozens of miles in diameter and no larger than 7 percent of the mass of the sun.

"The most likely missing-mass candidates are objects called gray dwarfs," he said. "They can be viewed as oversized planets or stars that never ignited."



CR: M. Truzzi/COUD-I

## Patent office stalls energy machine

By BILLY BOWLES

Free Press Southern Bureau

LUCEDALE, Miss. —

A mechanical engineer with the Mississippi Bureau of Geology calls Joe Newman's invention "probably the most significant discovery in the history of man."

But the U.S. Patent and Trade-



mark Office dismisses it as just another unsuccessful attempt to build a perpetual motion machine.

Newman, who never took a physics or engineering course in his life, has been fighting unsuccessfully for eight years to get

a U.S. patent for his "energy machine" that he said will solve forever the world's energy problems and replace everything from home furnaces to automobile engines. He already has patented the device in Spain, South Africa and India.

Members of Congress and California millionaires are arrayed on Newman's side. The patent office, National Bureau of Standards and a federal judge stand against him.

"WHAT I'VE done," said Joseph Westley Newman, 50, "is create a mechanical means of converting mass into energy on a 100 percent conversion process without any pollution to the environment or human race."

He said his machine — he has built six of them so far — captures the energy from particles moving at the speed of light in the conductor of a magnet. It is not a perpetual motion device, he said.

But it is so efficient, he said, "you could hook such a device to your home and run it for a hundred years and it would be difficult to weigh a change in the mass of that material."

Last week, before 2,000 people in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, Newman demonstrated his invention under the hood of a fancy red sports car. Using the amount of electrical current that powers a transistor radio, he ran the car "at walking speed" for two hours.



BILLY BOWLES/Detroit Free Press

Joe Newman in his workshop in Lucedale, Miss. Newman says his "energy machine" will solve forever the world's energy problems and replace everything from home furnaces to automobile engines.

When he called off the demonstration, Newman said the 1,800-pound car could have continued circling the interior of the coliseum indefinitely without noticeable wear on the 1.5-volt transistor battery that provided electrical current to the engine.

About 5 m.p.h. is top speed for the car, but it could be brought up to highway speed and mass produced, Newman said.

FOR CENTURIES, inventors have pursued the myth of perpetual motion.

Some have appeared for a time to succeed. At the Boston Museum of Science, a bicycle wheel has been spinning non-stop for 13 months. The museum offers \$1,000 to anyone, scientists included, who can explain how it works.

Lawrence Bell, associate director of the museum, said that machine's inventor, David Jones, concedes it is a fake. Yet no one has solved the mystery.

Jones, a Briton, has been quoted as saying, "Scientists are very gullible."

In Newman's case, the question is which scientists are gullible: those who believe in his machine or those who don't?

Roger Hastings, a physicist with Unisys Corp. in St. Paul, Minn., said the problem is that Newman's invention is based on a theory of thermodynamics that is so revolutionary and complicated that "it probably is beyond any competent scientist to (test) in less than a year or two of competent measurement."

Hastings testified in U.S. District Court in favor of granting a patent for the energy machine.

SO DID AN electrical engineer, William Schuyler Jr., appointed by the judge as special master to make a recommendation to the court. Schuyler, a former patent office commissioner, said evidence is overwhelming that the device puts out more energy than it gets from the batteries that power it.

But the judge, Thomas Jackson, ignored the master's findings and ruled against Newman after receiving a report from the National Bureau of Standards. Newman has vowed he will take his appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, he is taking his fight to the people, holding demonstrations in such places as the coliseum in Biloxi and the New Orleans Superdome.

Eleven congressmen have introduced bills to grant Newman a "pioneering patent" and let the invention stand or fall in the competition of the marketplace.

A group of California investors believe in Newman enough to put up \$10 million last year to back his invention. Among the backers is Dan Benvenuti, whose family owns the Sacramento Kings of the National Basketball Association.

AT A NEWS conference announcing his support for Newman's invention, Benvenuti said: "There will be no force on this earth that is going to stop it. ... I will stake all I've got on this man, because I believe in him."

Milton Everett, a mechanical engineer with the Mississippi Bureau of Geology, said he read about Newman's invention years ago with skepticism.

"I thought (Newman) was a fraud or a con man," Everett said.

Everett went to see the device, however, out of curiosity and has examined it numerous times over the last four years. At Biloxi last week, where he attended Newman's demonstration of his transistor-powered automobile, Everett appeared on the CBS Evening News touting Newman's energy machine as "probably the most significant discovery in the history of man."

Yet the National Bureau of Standards, a non-regulatory agency of the federal government, tested the machine and pronounced it far less efficient than a standard electric motor.

NEWMAN AND his supporters, including Everett, believe the bureau conducted its test incorrectly. But bureau spokesman Mathew Heyman said, "We've heard nothing that has made us second-guess any of our measurements."

He conceded, however, that it "is not an easy device to run a test on."

Patent office officials decline to discuss the invention while Newman's lawsuit against them is pending.

The energy machine is not Newman's first invention. He holds the U.S. patent on nine inventions, including plastic-covered weights for barbells, a device that keeps rain off a car's windshield at drive-in movies, and a water see-saw that catapults one rider over the other's head.

Newman said he has made his living solely from his inventions since 1962.

An accounting and economics major who quit the University of Alabama in his junior year, Newman taught himself physics, chemistry, astronomy, electrical engineering and other disciplines from books. That proved to be an advantage, Newman said.

"When you teach yourself," he said, "you have an opportunity to question what you are learning."

TIMES, Los Angeles, CA - May 28, 1987

CR: M. Quire

## For Sasha, a Soviet Exorcist?

By WILLIAM TUOHY, Times Staff Writer

MOSCOW—The story had the elements of a Hollywood movie about the supernatural.

According to a report Wednesday in the national daily Izvestia, a young boy identified only as Sasha K. has been startling relatives and neighbors in his hometown of Yenakievo in the Ukraine. Fires break out in his presence; objects fly about; light bulbs explode. On one occasion, a refrigerator turned upside down.

Neighbors panicked. The boy's father had a nervous breakdown and was hospitalized. The police were called.

Everyone that the authorities questioned reported that strange things happened when the boy was around. There was mention of a poltergeist—a ghost that is supposed to be responsible for noisy disturbances.

When fire broke out in the boy's home, he was brought to Moscow and given a thorough physical examination, but nothing out of the ordinary was found. Yet, scientists here were said to have taken the stories seriously. One witness said a shoe flew off his foot and out a window when the boy walked into the room.

Finally, Izvestia said, a Dr. Adriankin, identified as a physicist, looked into the evidence and announced: "It is clearly a case of a poltergeist."

Adriankin theorized that Sasha projects some kind of mysterious energy that can hypnotize people, leaving them momentarily dazed and unable to remember exactly what had happened in his presence.

According to Izvestia, Adriankin also said the boy is able to project a kind of electrical energy that ignites gases in the air, causing fires. He speculated that because of increasing air pollution and the resultant increase in the amount of gases in the atmosphere, more such cases could come to light.

SUN, Vancouver, B.C., Canada - Nov. 29, 1986 CR: G. Conway

# UBC physicist scans the skies for alien signal

By PAUL MUSGROVE

It begins as an uncharacteristic "spike" in radio signals picked up by a giant radio telescope in Green Bank, West Virginia.

The spike, a brief, abnormal signal level, is detected by the logic of a super fast computer that takes a 1.5-second sample of the signal containing the spike and tapes it for later analysis.

It also alerts the Galactic Radio Patrol.

The GRP is headed by soft-spoken University of B.C. physicist Phil Gregory, who claims he doesn't get a lot of jokes about the name Galactic Radio Patrol. He doesn't tell strangers about it and his friends know that it really isn't Buck Rogers in the 25th century.

The project, headquartered in Gregory's tiny office, is a systematic search for stellar objects such as pulsars, quasars and supernovas.

Gregory also hopes to raise funds for a computer to examine data already being collected for evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence.

Gregory estimates the chances of stumbling on a signal that might last a millionth of a second and might have been generated tens of thousands of years ago, at about one in 100 million if there are 50,000 civilizations.

But he believes it's like a lottery: if you don't buy a ticket you can't play.

Gregory, who cooperated in the development of the current Vancouver Planetarium show, The Alien Equation, said the first extraterrestrial signal detected might be a millisecond radar pulse.

Because of the short duration, a superfast computer would be required to pick it out of the "background hiss" — the steady ambient level of radio noise left over from the "Big Bang" thought to have begun the universe.

"When we are on a (radio) patrol we only examine each star in the area we're surveying for 1.5 seconds," Gregory explained.

"The signal for the 1.5 seconds is averaged out, so if there were a millisecond pulse in there somewhere it would be averaged and we wouldn't be able to pick it out of the background hiss."

Gregory's proposed computer would take some 1,500 samples during the 1.5-second interval. If it detected a strange pulse it would save the 1,500 samples in the 1.5 seconds that contained the pulse, preventing the strange signal from being averaged away. That would be the beginning, Gregory said.

"The signal would likely be polarized, but there are a few other sources of naturally occurring polarized radio waves. It would have to be reproducible, we'd have to be able to examine that location and find other pulses," he said.

"If we found a distinct pattern we



PHIL GREGORY: one in 100 million chance

could work out the orbital motion of the source which might indicate the signal was coming from a planet rather than a star."

If the signal were coming from a planet, Gregory said, the radio telescopes of earth might for the first time be able to listen to an alien signal. Gregory said UBC is presently raising \$400,000 for a new radio patrol lab. Of that, \$50,000 would go to the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) detector which would ride "piggyback" on data collected during patrols looking for variable stellar radio signals.

"We're already doing about 95 per cent of what's necessary to search for extraterrestrial intelligence; it would be criminal not to do the other five per cent," Gregory said.

"Unless the SETI detector came up with something interesting we would not be spending much time searching for extraterrestrial life," Gregory said.

# The Legend Of The Maco Light Lives On

MACO — It's unsettling to hear Herbert Long admit he's seen the Maco light.

Long, the 55-year-old postmaster of the Leland Post Office and a longtime Brunswick County resident, appears to be a down-to-earth, solid citizen.

But he readily confesses to seeing the ghostly light at the old railroad tracks near Maco — and so do many of his neighbors.

"I don't believe in ghosts," Long says behind his post office counter. "But that light has never been explained. No one's embarrassed to say they've seen it — it's been seen by enough people now that it's just an accepted fact."



At The Beach

Jerl Fischer

Eyewitness accounts are so convincing, visitors have come from as far away as the S.C. coast to stalk the beacon themselves. The light, legend says, belongs to the

ghost of Joe Baldwin.

On a rainy night in 1867, Baldwin was the conductor of a train aimed for the N.C. shore. The train reached Maco just before midnight and Baldwin, with his lantern blazing, opened his car door to watch for the station.

The train seemed to slow early, but a few seconds passed before Baldwin realized what had happened: His car had come uncoupled.

He ran to the back and swung his lantern through the fog to warn the next train. It sped on.

The crash derailed Baldwin's car and

threw him to a soggy ditch near the tracks. Searchers found his decapitated body the next morning.

On a rain-soaked night several months later, two lost hikers picked their way through a swath of pines near the tracks. When the pair reached Maco, they saw a distant flame.

"Some believe it was the conductor," Long says, "looking for his head."

Now, more than a century later, the train station has disappeared and weeds and asphalt cover the tracks. Maco, once a cross-

roads town on the way to the beach, was bypassed when crews straightened U.S. 74.

But residents still talk about the mysterious light.

"You'd look down the tracks near Maco Road (U.S. 87) and see a huge red ball glowing," says Long. "It would bounce from the edge of the woods to the tracks and then back to the woods. It always gave me goose bumps."

Long remembers walking along the tracks as a boy. A graveyard stood on one side of U.S. 87. The beacon appeared on the other.

"It came out mostly on rainy or real humid nights," he says. "You wouldn't see it every time."

Witnesses say the light often floated about 5 feet — shoulder height — above the ground.

"It looked like a train coming from on up the track," says Neal Kilian, owner of the Maco Truck Stop Restaurant on U.S. 87. "They had the Army engineers try to get it one time. But they weren't successful."

Kilian saw the beam at least five times, including one drizzly night about seven years ago.

"It got brighter and brighter, and then faded," he says. "Everything went hush and no one said a

"My wife's uncle dropped right down on the tracks and prayed. Of course, he'd had a few."

— Neal Kilian

word for five minutes. My wife's uncle dropped right down on the tracks and prayed. Of course, he'd had a few."

Whether the aura still shines is debatable. Long says it vanished years ago.

"The only lights out there now are headlights from the highway," he says.

But others refuse to test their courage.

"People still come out trying to find it, but you wouldn't catch me going out there in the dark," says Sgt. George Inman, parked near the tracks in his Department of Motor Vehicles patrol car.

In sunlight, the thicket looks harmless. But at night, Inman says, "I'm scared I might see something."

**THE FILM** also stars Melinda Dillon as Mrs. Henderson and Joshua Rudoy and Margaret Langrick as the Henderson children.

"My biggest thrill was when Don Ameche said, 'I think I gonna call it Bigfoot Central,'" Crook said. That's the name of Crook's information and reporting center, which is listed in telephone books throughout nine states.

Crook said he has tracked Sasquatches since 1956, when one of the creatures interrupted a teenage camping expedition with friends.

Eventually, Crook became involved with a network of Bigfoot investigators. He works primarily with a Canadian man, Rene Dahinden, co-author of a book entitled "Sasquatch." Together, they travel to locations of alleged Bigfoot sightings to interview witnesses, look for footprints and examine disturbed vegetation.

As for the Bigfoot movie created for the Hollywood crowd, Crook said, "It looks authentic."

He does have one disappointment: no screen credit. But he said set decorator Linda DeScenna has promised to pay his way to the Academy Awards if the film receives a nomination.

"I just knew this was going to be a great movie," he said. "You can take anyone to it, kids, families. There's a couple of cuss words in it I didn't approve of, but other than that, it was OK."

ENTERPRISE, Mill Creek, WA - June 10, 1987

## Min Min light set to shine, as movie money-spinner

A HORROR movie based on the Min Min light would make the far western Queensland township of Boulia a tourist attraction, a film producer said yesterday.

Mr Paul Holland said such a movie had the potential to be as popular overseas as *Mad Max* and *Crocodile Dundee* and would attract tourists to Boulia, 300 km south of Mount Isa.

Mr Holland owns Windmill Productions Pty which hopes to raise \$750,000 to finance the film.

"So far there has been a high demand for prospectuses but most people wait to the end of the financial year before they respond," he said.

"We're hoping to raise \$500,000 by June 30 so pre-

production of the film can start."

The Min Min light has been a legend among people in the Boulia area for about 70 years. It is said to be the size of a small watermelon and usually appears to car travellers, chases them and then disappears.

A former Boulia Shire chairman, Mr Cliff Donohue, 59, claims to have seen the Min Min light three times.

"It's a good subject for a horror film — it always made my hair stand up on the back of my head," he said.

The Boulia Shire Clerk, Mr Tom Farr, said the council would support the film project.

Mr Farr said a \$12,000 replica of the Min Min light was built in the town's main street about six months ago.

## Tracker says film of Bigfoot 'neat'

Bigfoot expert Cliff Crook has no qualms about recommending "Harry and the Hendersons," a motion picture about the discovery of one of the legendary creatures.

"It's a great movie. It's just beautiful," said Crook, who was consulted last year by Universal Productions during five weeks of on-location shooting in the Pacific Northwest.

The film opened Friday at theaters around Puget Sound. Crook got to see the movie last month, however, at a special premiere in Seattle.

"It's neat," said Crook, who operates a Bigfoot reporting center out of his home in the Queensborough area of south Snohomish County. "You've got to see it."

Crook provided information, news clippings, photographs, artwork, books, plaster casts of footprints, a tape of alleged Bigfoot sounds and other materials for the film. Some of the materials he provided were used for set decorations.

"I saw a lot of my stuff in there and things of other people I knew," he said.

The film stars John Lithgow as George Henderson, the father of a typical American family. During an outing in the Cascades, the family station wagon strikes a Bigfoot, knocking it unconscious. Believing the Bigfoot is dead, Henderson straps the animal to the car and envisions the fame to come from the discovery.

Pretty soon, the Hendersons' Wallingford neighborhood has a frolicking Sasquatch on its hands, and not everyone wants it alive. Especially not a wily French trapper (David Suchet) who has spent his life tracking Bigfoot with hopes of sending the elusive legend to a taxidermist.

As Seattle is sent into a panic from Bigfoot's rather destructive homesickness, Henderson solicits the help of a retired Bigfoot expert-turned-disbeliever (Don Ameche) in trying to return "Harry" to his natural habitat.

**Best look yet'**

By ANN REES  
Staff Reporter

It's being dubbed the best Sasquatch sighting in almost a decade.

"Fascinating," said Sasquatch expert Rene Dahinden, after reviewing Province photos of tracks left in a remote clearing outside Dawson Creek.

Four oil workers say they spotted the legendary creature late Sunday.

"It sent a cold chill up my spine," said Myles Jack, 30, who sighted what he reckoned was a 2.13-metre (seven-foot), 181-kilogram (400-lb) creature at least six times.

Fellow worker Bryan Mestdagh, 34, said: "I've seen a documentary on the Sasquatch and I'd have to say what we saw was identical."

Both men have spent years working in the bush and discount theories that they saw a bear or a mad trapper.

Prints left in the snow were

about 1.8 metres (six feet apart) and as big as a size 18 men's shoe.

Dahinden, who co-wrote a book on the hairy big-footed creatures, was impressed with a print which seemed to indicate the creature had been crouching.

The expert also ruled out pranksters.

"Planting footprints in the ground six feet apart in a foot and one-half of snow with no disturbance between the prints is just not that simple," he said. "Besides, it wouldn't have the weight that these prints seem to indicate."

There have been two other Sasquatch sightings in the region around Dawson Creek in the past 10 years but neither was as well-documented as this one, said Dahinden.

Asked if he believes Sasquatches exist, he smiled: "If I did see one I wouldn't believe my eyes."