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Flying Saucers at the Beach

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On the night of the full moon in January, the 21st, a Montauk painter named Harriet Joffee feels a strong urge to go down to the beach; she would say later it was unusual for her to go in the winter. Her husband accompanies her. It is just after seven when they leave.

The night is incredible — not just with the brilliance of the moon, but the very water is phosphorescent, with swarms of moon jellies near the surface. With every wave a broken sparkling wall of moon jellies and moonlight rises, crests, breaks.

Toward the east, in the direction of the lighthouse, the woman notices a sphere of light bigger than the moon. She studies it for fifteen or twenty minutes; it stays in the same place. When she finally mentions it to her husband she finds he too has been looking at it all this time.

Suddenly the sphere shoots straight up, then arcs over them to the west. As it passes overhead it is now elliptical in shape, with two points sticking out of either end. There is a red light and a green light on the object. It gives off no sound.

As this is happening Mrs. Joffee experiences a feeling of happiness. Her husband does not; he feels anxious, scared. The object disappears in the west. Mrs. Joffee realizes she has experienced something very unusual. She wants the object to come back.

They return home around nine. A day or so later her husband reports the strange sighting to the Coast Guard, who tell him they get many UFO reports from the area.

So it should not be surprising to note another report from Montauk. Before dawn on Monday, January 30, Captain David Gaviola of the fishing boat *Jibber* eyes a strange light just north of the lighthouse as he and his crew move east. When another member of the crew spots it, it appears like a beam of light searching the ocean.

"Then it flipped over, headed west and disappeared."

Captain Gaviola changed course, northward to the light. As they neared it they could hear no sound from the object. Then the radar quit. Understandably there was apprehension on board. The captain turned off the running lights and engine. The light seemed square-shaped and about a mile away.

The light moved toward the boat with a bobbing movement. It was triangular or diamond-shaped. The captain judged it to be about 150 feet long.

Then it flipped over, headed west, then south, rose and disappeared. The boat's radar was functioning again.

The crew must have been relieved; the captain had felt that the object was going to stop right over the boat.

On Saturday, February 18, Robert Eleazer and his brother Hasaan are watching TV in the Tuckahoe area of Southampton. It is a Saturday night, and "Hawk" is on. Suddenly they hear a loud, helicopter-like noise buzz the house. The TV goes on the fritz. Even as they run outside the

noise had retreated into the north. They see nothing. Inside, the TV is working again.

Not expecting it to happen a second time, they are again caught by surprise when the aerial object is heard coming back over the house and again retreating. They can see nothing outside.

But the third time it comes they are ready and catch sight of it.

An object about thirty feet wide, outlined in bluish-white lights, floats over the telephone wires, then slowly moves off to the northeast and disappeared after about ten to fifteen seconds.

The brothers can do nothing but return to their program.

The strangest case of the lot occurs up-Island, in Levittown. On Friday, February 11, James LaFante, a musician who works in a hair styling shop is told a curious dream by a customer — that he is supposed to meet Jean Mundy, a psychologist, who was giving a talk in the area that night about UFOs. Dr. Mundy, who lives in Amagansett, works with people who claim to have had contact with extraterrestrials.

The young man is interested in attending the lecture, but has definite plans for the evening and tells the woman it appears her dream won't come true.

However, as fate would have it, to use the cliché, those plans fall through and he finds himself going to the place where Dr. Mundy is speaking. The talk is already in progress as he enters — and immediately he feels that the subject deals directly with him.

Dr. Mundy, wondering if perhaps an alien ship might be aware of the gathering, asks everyone to close his or her eyes and think about making telepathic contact. Nothing concrete results, and the musician talks with Dr. Mundy afterwards and arranges a session with her, because he feels her hypnosis techniques might help to get to the bottom of some inexplicable events in his past.

The very next evening, Saturday, February 12, just after nine, James LaFante is at home in Levittown and jamming with a friend. Suddenly the air in the room seems different; time, too — "Wizard of Oz-like," he says later. They hear something like the sound of a helicopter — "but deeper."

They look out the window. There is an immense object, "a block long," with four sets of lights going across it in pairs. It moves right over the house. They run outside. It heads southeast, toward the Southern State Parkway. They drive after it.

They pull on to the parkway. There is nothing visible in the sky now, but they feel as if they are under an immense object; there was again that sense of a change in the pressure of the air.

Then, west by northwest, over the Seaford Oyster Bay Parkway (which at the point intersects Southern State), about a third or a quarter of the way up the sky, there appears some sort of opening, a "window," and out shoots a brilliant burst of fiery red light, with rainbowed sparks of colors spinning off it. It's headed straight towards the car.

The two men are yelling back and forth to each other. "I want to make sure I'm not seeing this alone," the musician thinks. He looks at a white car on his left, an old Chevy with two girls in it. One girl looks back at him, but he can't tell if she's reacting to what he's seeing.

The fantastic light is almost upon the car. At the last minute it swerves sharply to the right and bursts into the most intense white he's ever seen, as it just misses the car.

In another moment they're pulling onto the ramp that leads to the Seaford Oyster Bay Parkway. They pull onto the side of the road. They

expect to see a lot of cars pulled over, with a lot of eyes looking up, but there's no one.

Later the musician would say, "I felt as if the experience was happening to me, not my friend; he was just there as a witness."

They return home about a half hour after they'd left. Later they call the police. The officer answering the phone doesn't seem particularly fazed, until mention of the fireball. "Can you hold on?" Another voice comes to the phone. "Can you meet us back at that spot?"

So around midnight LaFante and his friend are parked again by the shoulder of the on-ramp. When the police car pulls up the officers inside simply look around but don't appear to want to get out. Their attitude seems to be: There's nothing here now, why bother? They give the musician a government number to call; they leave.

When the musician calls the number the next day there is a recording asking him to leave his name and number. He hangs up.

On March 13 he has a session with Jean Mundy. Under hypnosis he recalls not the above incident but something from childhood.

He is about 12, living in Merrick. He is standing in the kitchen, talking to his mother. He is looking at this scene as if on film. From his vantage point he fully sees his mother's face but only the back of his head. The boy is telling his mother, "God is calling me. Someone is trying to come through me and take me out of my body." At that moment, from watching the scene he steps into it; his thirty-year-old self becomes his twelve-year-old self.

The hypnosis drew him back to the night before. He is lying in bed. Awakening he sees figures in his room. At first he can't make them out. They don't seem much higher than his bed. Then he sees they are blue or wearing something blue.

He feels them taking him out of his body. He looks back and sees his body on the bed. He passes through the wall of his room. Outside it's winter and it's cold but he can't feel it. The backyard is filled with white light, which is coming down from something above. The beings are taking him up to the light. He's amazed that people aren't coming out of houses to witness this.

Coming out of the hypnosis he is not at first aware he is with Jean Mundy in the present and not back in his childhood. There is a definite sense of crossing some barrier in time. On the Parkway, when the white light had swerved just to the side of the car, he had felt as if he had been taken some place and brought back; and he thought too he saw something in the light. He has other experiences of strange beings and displacement, hours of missing time. Once he and a girlfriend "saw" beings about them in the house and tried to get them on film, but the photos didn't come out.

After telling his mother what he did at twelve, she took him to the school doctor. Today he is not sure he will have another hypnosis session. But he definitely feels called. "Every day they're putting the signs in front of me."

Are Aliens coming to Long Island?

— Jerry Cimisi

On Saturday, April 2, The Long Island UFO Network will conduct "UFO's On Long Island Conference '89" at Artist's Lake Condominium Complex Community Center located at Middle Island-Yaphank Rd. and Middle Country Rd. in Middle Island. The conference will begin at noon and continue to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and you can get more information by calling 732-3449 during the day or 924-5210 in the evening.

Encounters 'too real to be a dream'

By JENNIFER TUCKER
 Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — They confess they haven't talked about it much. They haven't wanted to.

Even now, there is an uneasy, self-conscious rhythm to their speech, like that of a child forced to the front of the class for show-and-tell.

They are two people whose lives were changed without decision or will, and who will forever look at the sky through different eyes.

"I'm a writer. I have a wonderful imagination. So you can see my predicament," says Karen in a telephone interview from her Naples home. The 43-year-old writer and mother of three uses Karen as a pseudonym, explaining in hushed tones, "I didn't even tell my husband until six months ago."

In the fall of 1986, near Little Rock, Ark., and then again in Douglas, Wyo., something happened to Karen she can't describe — and only with the gentlest inquiry does she reveal her "odd experience."

Karen refuses to call it an alien abduction. Yet she is "so totally convinced that it was real, I know it was not one of those yoga, meditative things," Karen says.

It began in small, strange ways during the summer of 1986, Karen says. Electrical appliances in her home began to malfunction for no apparent reason — the television burned out, the washer and dryer started and stopped — and it seemed to be related to Karen.

"My children started making jokes about me staying away from the TV," she says.

One day, while seated near her computer terminal, Karen says the keys moved inde-



Tribune illustration by JIM BREDECK
 Aliens have been described as "humanoid and very intelligent."

pendently of her touch. Their message: Karen "needed" to travel west.

Completely unnerved by the strange sequence of events, Karen says she decided to heed the advice. Because she often travels to destinations described in her books, Karen says her family thought nothing of her sudden compulsion to visit the Rockies.

They noticed, however, that the electrical disturbances stopped when she left.

For Karen, new disturbances began.

'Boomerang-shaped craft'

"The things that I remember are highly questionable from a scientific basis," she says. "I have nothing in my hands to prove, I mean, I can't verify anything when I say that I was zapped and tagged like a little animal. But there was a boomerang-shaped craft..."

Karen stops, but her silence is noisy with frustration. It's as if she knows her story sounds unbelievable — even to herself.

But when she speaks again, there is wonder in her voice. Her tone is protective and childlike, and at one point Karen weeps softly.

"I don't know what their purpose was. It wasn't just biological. It had something to do with teaching physics and higher concepts — I kept seeing all these mathematical formulas. I was told that I would remember when I would need to remember."

"They looked humanoid and very intelligent. And when they touched me," Karen says, her voice breaking, "I have never felt such love and compassion, not from any human being on earth."

"They are people and we don't have the right to call them other names that we've tagged on."

Karen sounds angry now, and her next few statements are direct exclamations.

"There is something, honest to God, that lives beyond the intelligence we have manifested thus far. It makes you question all your philosophies and psychologies."

"But it should have happened to somebody who could have been more intellectual, so they could have picked up the immense knowledge and technology aboard these starships."

"It left me very confused."

It also left her unable to write. Karen says she was so frightened by the experience that for two years, she published nothing. She suffered nausea and dizziness. She withdrew to her study and withdrew from her family.

"I wanted to be alone but I wanted to know people were near me," she says.

Her husband's initial reaction to the experience was "totally negative," Karen says. "He's a nuts-and-bolts man. I guess he wanted to protect me ... but now he knows I'm serious."

She didn't tell her children — she still hasn't — and very rarely does she speak of it to others.

"Telling people is like learning how to walk through a field of flowers," Karen explains. "Some you can talk to and touch. Others have thorns and bristles."

"It's like when the explorers told people about all the fascinating animals. Why believe them if you haven't seen them yourself?"

Alone in a cabin

Working with a psychiatrist and a university professor, both recognized experts on the UFO phenomenon, Karen says she has evaluated her experience. She's read dozens of books on the subject, and last summer, she returned to Colorado where she spent six months alone in a cabin.

"I didn't think I was going to have a nervous breakdown ... but your mind whirls with thoughts," Karen says. "I wanted to test myself. And if I came through that, I could come through anything."

She "came through" Colorado without incident and Karen happily says the hiatus lowered her stress. Although she still can't fly — she developed crippling airsickness soon after the abduction — Karen is publishing again and studying more.

The electrical disturbances continue, however. And a small ball of light often appears in her study, she says.

"I feel I'm a better, more aware person," she says. "My character has become stronger and my work has taken on a lot more depth. Even my education has extended. I'm studying physics and chemistry and I've become very involved in the environment."

Although she concludes her experience was "basically positive," Karen isn't eager to repeat it. "You don't know if you're opening a can of tuna or a can of worms."

"But if the answers come, it's been worth all the hell and misery."

Leonard Farrell

For Leonard Farrell, a 48-year-old businessman from Fort Myers, the answers haven't come yet — and it's been almost 20 years.

In Canada in 1970, while sitting in a circle of friends discussing various forms of psychotherapy, Farrell says he suddenly left the room. He found himself aboard a flying craft inhabited by four, short creatures wearing silver clothing.

Their faces, says Farrell, were very long and their craniums were huge. Their eyes were large, but their noses and mouths were small.

The interior of the craft was oval, and Farrell says he was stand-

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— Leonard Farrell, who says he was abducted by aliens

ing on the bridge looking into the bowels of the ship. There were numerous, flashing consoles below, and octagon-shaped windows surrounded the craft.

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Psychologists baffled by stories of 'contactees'

By JENNIFER TUCKER
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PENSACOLA — Halfway through a lengthy conversation, Pensacola psychologist Dan Overlade stops to inject a disclaimer. "Now, remember," he says, "this is making the assumption that all this is real."

His words hint of professional objectivity. But even this neatly dressed, roundish man cautiously admits, "I'm finding it more and more difficult to be skeptical. These people are having reactions that I've watched in patients for years and those (reactions) had nothing to do with aliens."

Overlade is one of a growing community of therapists who are being asked questions they weren't trained to answer — or more precisely, they are listening to stories they weren't prepared to hear.

Reports of alien abduction — bizarre, gut-wrenching accounts of people plucked from their beds and subjected to humiliating physical examinations — are no longer sufficient cause for committal.

Overlade, past president of the Florida Psychological Association, is counseling several "contactees." So is psychiatrist Berthold Schwarz, author and international expert on parapsychology who lives in Vero Beach.

And Ron DeVasto, a state-certified clinical hypnotist living in Winter Park, has worked with 20 contactees in the last year, including a physician, teacher, attorney and accountant who exhibit "tremendous displays of emotion."

DeVasto says hypnotized patients have recounted tales so terrifying he's been forced to cut sessions short "when they start to ... hyperventilate, scream and cry."

Some dismiss these stories as psychological fodder. The country's most-quoted skeptic, Philip Klass, says a lot of people who report alien abductions are looking "for an opportunity to become a celebrity overnight." The rest, he says begrudgingly, "are mentally disturbed."

Fantasies

Even scientists who endorse UFO research say the reports cast long shadows of doubt.

"Abduction stories are not proof that people are being abducted," says scientist and teacher Phil Imbrogno. He co-authored "Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings" with renowned astronomer J. Allen Hynek.

"There is no doubt that these people have had a UFO encounter," Imbrogno says. "What is real after that is a matter of opinion ... they may fantasize everything else."

Academic explanations for such behavior is myriad: repressed physical abuse, culturally-induced dreams, mass hysteria. Swiss psychologist Carl Jung theorized UFOs and aliens were actually archetypal memories stored in the collective unconscious — what some might call fancy folklore.

Yet clinicians intensively studying this phenomenon report the majority of contactees are not mentally deficient.

Many are "salty, eager, outspoken" people, says psychiatrist Schwarz. And, he says, some have spent their whole lives surrounded by un-

usual psychic phenomenon.

Overlade examined several contactees including Ed, the Gulf Breeze resident who has taken dozens of UFO photographs and told of several face-to-face encounters with aliens.

All of these psychological evaluations revealed Ed and the others were "within normal limits," Overlade says.

Likewise, New York psychologist Elizabeth Slater has found no particular abnormalities among the many contactees she's evaluated.

Working in tandem with Budd Hopkins, the country's foremost researcher on alien abductions, Slater writes: "I won't say I believe these people were abducted, but I do believe they aren't crazy. I have no explanation for this group."

"Psychologists, moreover, can't demonstrate facts," she writes. "They can only try to understand what people experience and perceive."

'Eerie credence'

These experiences are nightmarish revelations. Contactees say they are often led to shipboard examining rooms, where aliens remove small samples of skin or implant "devices" in their brain, apparently to tag them, like deer.

Others report being paralyzed in their beds, and subjected to a mechanical "harvesting" procedure where the aliens retrieve egg and sperm. These accounts of genetic manipulation are so strangely redundant, Hopkins writes, "It adds an eerie credence to the abductees' claims."

What motivates these people to seek help is overwhelming anxiety, usually linked to recurring dreams or unexplained fears, Overlade says. Victims rarely remember the abductions on a conscious level, but they are plagued by periods of "missing time" — hours they can't account for.

These events often begin in childhood and "lead them to question not only their sanity but their whole self-esteem," Overlade says.

"Typically, there is no great terror except in the physical experience," Overlade says, and communication between the aliens and humans is largely telepathic.

"Most contactees get assurance of safety and well-being ... but others think they have been threatened. Even if they remember something, they feel something bad will happen to them, like their heart will explode."

Suspicions such as these drove 10 residents of Gulf Breeze and Pensacola — a highway patrolman, a banker and a teacher among them — to form an abductee support group.

The coordinator, Vicki Lyons, is a rosy-cheeked, vibrant sort who seems especially suited to her job as a piano teacher. She volunteered for her role as leader, confidante and all-around mother confessor, and she has grown so accustomed to the fantastic "that I have to be careful I don't talk about aliens in the grocery line," Lyons says.

At meetings, she says, members reassure each other without revealing intimate details of their abductions. Most have been through a battery of psychological exams and come up credible — no mental illness here, Lyons says.

"These people have a lot of credibility ... and

no reason to fabricate stories," she says. "You can look in their eyes and see the distress and helplessness."

"They don't seem to be people who are looking to fill a void. They have something better to do than this."

Under hypnosis

Several members of the group describe classic missing time episodes, others reveal strange and recurring dreams. One woman's three-year-old son has demonstrated behavior she can only explain as an "obsession with authority," Lyons says.

Some group members have had their worst fears confirmed through hypnosis regression. This technique, Overlade says, is a common treatment for emotional and physical disorders and allows the patient to deal with hidden fears or forgotten ordeals on a conscious level.

Under hypnosis, the person is put into a trance and encouraged to talk about experiences stored in subconscious memory. Because they are so terrifying, abduction experiences often are filed away and forgotten.

"The first time I listened to one of these stories, I must admit, I felt a lot of excitement welling up inside me," says DeVasto, the hypnotist from Winter Park. "But the (contactees) greatest fear is that it will continue to happen to them."

Nevertheless, DeVasto says, "Many of these people think they are being prepared for something. They have a feeling ... when the time is right, they will be able to divulge information."

The aliens, on the other hand, seem to be gleaning their own information, Overlade says.

"It seems one of the primary purposes of abductions is to prompt a display of a variety of emotions..." he says. "Somehow (the aliens) have lost the ability to be compassionate. The implication between the lines is that unless they regain some compassion ... they may die off because they are not any good at parenting."

Skeptics explain such theories are ridiculous and dismiss abduction stories as nothing more than elaborate lies.

Overlade acknowledges hypnosis is not infallible — a patient can repeat a "fabrication" in a trance, he says — but a trained hypnotist is not going to lead a person into a lie.

"Without formal regression a person might fabricate something and come to believe it," Overlade says. "I don't believe these people are fabricating what they are telling me."

DeVasto agrees. "If someone truly believes a lie, they don't distribute that lie with such tremendous emotion," he says.

Under any circumstances, the alien abduction phenomenon has the most learned researchers scratching their collective heads.

Bruce Maccabee, a Naval physicist and chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, says even he would have been skeptical 10 years ago. But recently, he's changed his mind.

"What is it?" he asks. "A psycho-pathology unknown to psychologists which can also produce pictures? And have people hallucinating the same hallucination?"

"It's just too bizarre to imagine."

The propulsion of the ship was generated from the center. Although the aliens attempted to explain how the ship functioned, Farrell says he understood little of their conversation.

"Still, I felt very comfortable and I didn't have any fears," he adds.

As suddenly as he was in the craft, Farrell explains, he was out of it. He estimates he was gone for at least an hour before returning to his friends.

And whether his body ever actually left the room, Farrell doesn't know.

"I think it was more of a psychic experience. Astral projection, to me, is valid," says Farrell, who has had numerous experiences with the phenomenon, all of them spontaneous.

Astral projection, synonymous with "out-of-body experience," is a psychic technique used to consciously project a person's mind or soul out of their body.

Nevertheless, Farrell says, "It was too real to be a dream."

He rarely thought about the event until 1985 when he ran across a book on UFOs authored by a Miami resident. This inspired a "major compulsion" to devour any and all UFO literature.

'A distant light'

In addition, Farrell says he recently experienced a "missing time" episode. And he can't understand why.

Driving west from Vero Beach along State Road 60, Farrell and his family were returning from dinner when he saw "a distant light come straight down out of the sky and it didn't look like a shooting star," he says.

He dropped his family off at its destination, then got back in his car and returned to the spot along State Road 60 where he'd seen the light. Farrell says he pulled to the side of the road and got out, but "the bugs were eating me alive so I sat back in the car." It was about 10:30 p.m.

The next thing Farrell remem-

bers is looking at the clock in his car. It glowed 1:35 a.m.

"I didn't feel any different physically. I wasn't asleep. I just felt like I had to go home and go to bed. I don't know whether something happened or didn't happen," he says.

Farrell is plagued by his curiosity. Similar strange experiences, he says, began when he was young and "I always felt like I had people visiting me in the night."

Although he pushed those memories aside for years, Farrell says he now remembers "going to different places but not knowing where. There was always this strange taste in my mouth the next day. When I came back, I got into a habit — I wanted to lick a rock."

"I didn't tell people about it," he says. "It was just a normal thing."

In fact, Farrell's entire attitude is one of normalcy and nonchalance. He says, "People only believe what personal experience tells us to believe and that is usually very limited in scope."

He says he doesn't pretend to understand what has happened to him — only to speculate with an open mind.

"I haven't made any conclusions at all ... but I'd like to find out why me. What's the significance in my situation?"

"There is validity in what we don't touch and can't see," Farrell explains. "I mean, people fail to realize that there are microwaves and electrical waves that we cannot see, but they do exist. And even if we do come up with some kind of bona fide proof (for UFOs), it isn't going to be enough proof for everyone."

"Now ... it just screws up your family life because of some skeptic saying you have to be crazy."

Farrell, however, says he's never questioned his sanity. And he disagrees with critics who describe his experiences as some sort of mass hallucination.

"That's just too far-fetched," he says. "Maybe there really is something we're supposed to know, something that's going to happen."

CHARLIE'S CORNER

BY CHARLIE SOMERBY

"I don't want to talk about it!" With that gruff statement, the police chief at Fyffe, AL ignored our request to chat with him about the unidentified flying objects some of the area residents have been spotting in past weeks.

But he mellowed somewhat when he added that he had school bus duties to perform.

Fyffe is a one blinking-light town where people are friendly but not too anxious to talk about strange objects in the sky.

There is no weekly newspaper located right in the town, *The Weekly Post* published at nearby Rainsville serves both communities.

Perhaps the reluctance of townspeople to say too much to strangers stems from an article written by a student at Jacksonville State University and published in that college's newspaper.

There had been reference to the "crude and cruel" article in an Associated Press story published in the Pensacola newspaper, but *The Weekly Post* had the complete story with adjacent comments by State Senator Lowell Barron and residents.

Senator Barron called for an open apology from JSU president "To the people of Fyffe from everyone at your school that was involved in this crude put-down of my community."

As wife Dori and I prowled around town stopping at various points and chatting with residents, we found that most of them had never heard of Gulf Breeze, FL and visits by flying objects. Or perhaps they wouldn't admit it!

And when we mentioned that we had connections with a newspaper, some really clammed up.

But we liked the town which reminded us of a somewhat similar community at Kimball, Oklahoma, where several years ago we had spent several hours.

The friendliest spot visited was a general store where the clerks were willing to chat a bit and admitted they knew folks who had seen UFOs in the neighborhood.

Fyffe was one of two spots in the general area that we went out of our way to visit. The other was nearby Boaz and its huge factory outlet center. But we got there before the stores had opened for the day and were unable to say hello to the gentleman who used to operate the cut-rate bookstore in downtown Gulf Breeze and with a falloff in business after the bridge crash moved his business to Boaz.

But we'll get up that way again especially for another stay at Lake Guntersville State Park.

Mufon chapter is largest in nation

BY

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For the past 2 years, the Santa Rosa-Escambia County chapter of MUFON, Mutual UFO Network International, has been the primary investigative organization of the Gulf Breeze happenings.

Mr. Charles Flannigan, State Section Director for MUFON, recently announced that because of the interest generated in the numerous sightings in and around Gulf Breeze, the Santa Rosa-Escambia MUFON chapter has grown to be the largest in the nation with over 25 active members, which includes local scientists and psychologists who are actively working as consultants and investigators on recent cases.

MUFON is currently investigating several UFO sightings in the area which include a sighting in Pace on April 4; a sighting in Cantonment on April 5; Midway on April 11; and Gulf Breeze, April 17-18.

For anyone desiring to report a UFO sighting or related experience, MUFON can be contacted by calling 477-7777 twenty-four hours a day. Area investigations have been conducted professionally with the well-being and anonymity of the witnesses of primary concern. The local MUFON membership also provides speakers or discussion group leaders for local schools and organizations.

MCCURTAIN DAILY GAZETTE, Idabel, OK - Feb. 24, 1989

They're Friendly, Too

UFOs Intelligent, If ...

If UFOs are alive and well in McCurtain County, here's a synopsis from the U.S. Space Command:

1. They're intelligent enough to have built spacecraft out of materials other than any metals we know, and;
2. They're friendly.

Capt. Lloyd Tetrault, USMC, who is Chief of Near Earth Satellite Processing at NORAD Center, Colorado Springs, Colo., gave this summation to the continuing UFO mystery today.

On vacation from the nation's communication nerve center inside a mountain near Colorado Springs, Capt. Tetrault and his two daughters are visiting in Idabel with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Voss.

Tetrault said since he had been with the space tracking program for nearly three years, "we've never found an object three feet in diameter or larger we didn't identify."

"No one in his right mind would say intelligence can't exist other than on this planet and no one could say for sure beings do not have the technology to come here undetected. But we deal with everything around this globe that gets off the ground. Literally thousands of things each day are flashed in a millisecond to the command post. We just have not had anything show up we didn't run down," he added.

Tetrault believes that more than 90 percent of the UFOs sighted are either satellite fragments or aircraft of some type. "I remember the time when the radar-proof stealth aircraft was super secret. It was still detectable at close range and caused quite a stir even inside the military community. But now the secret is out and the bat-

winged aircraft is just another military tool.

"Let's put it this way. In the past three years no alien spacecraft have entered the earth's atmosphere or left it unless they're totally undetectable. Since 1985 when the U.S. Space Command took over checking the skies and space around the planet, we haven't run into one," the Marine space observer said.

Tetrault's job is identifying everything above the earth up to and including any satellite that goes around in 224 minutes or less. He said that was the physical number which put all satellites flying around the earth under surveillance.

Deep Space Division, a group of space traffic controllers alongside Tetrault's group in the NORAD center, takes care of everything spinning around the globe in a fixed orbit with the earth.

"It takes 1,444 minutes for the communication satellites to make an orbit. That orbit is in exact correlation with the earth and fixed exactly on the equator. This way, satellites can pick up and deliver TV signals to our homes. If the satellite is off center from the equator, then the orbit becomes elliptical and fixed antennas would constantly have to move to pick up a TV picture," he continued.

Tetrault was of the opinion that many military refueling operations in the sky at night have been distorted as UFOs. "Picture if you will two giant C-130s flying about 285 miles per hour, just hanging in the air to refuel a group of 12 to 15 supersonic F-16 jet fighters. In this case while one F-16 is slowed down and hooked up to the fuel tank, all the rest are in various

patterns around the tankers, some fast, some slow, all depending on the military practice maneuver. Sometimes one single aircraft might be above the group looking for the enemy, and another single plane flying below the formation looking for missiles or enemy attack from the ground. Depending on what their orders are, and what kind of simulation they're doing, then all sorts of weird scenes are visual, especially at night with proper lighting and reflection.

"One actual UFO scene I saw was footage taken of a dish-shaped object which turned out to be a little biplane under proper light reflection. It was revealed when the film was enlarged about 20 times and it had a whole town scared to death," he cited.

Tetrault said his command sight two or three TIP objects each day. He explained a TIP object as Tracking and Impact Prediction. "All these things up in space, and we're chasing over 7,000 of them we know of, break up, come down, look like meteors ... all sorts of weird looking scenes, but we have the technology of telling the planet's occupants within a few minutes of when it's coming down and within a hundred miles of where it's going to land."

He said since two-thirds of this globe is covered with water, and since only one-eighth of the land mass is inhabited, then chances of getting a piece of space material in your back yard is about one in three million.

"But it's our job to detect it and predict it. We don't think much about UFOs because we deal in things we can see. And we've just never seen anything we didn't identify," Tetrault



Marine Capt. Lloyd Tetrault looks over his map in Idabel today saying turkeys are harder to find and identify than a piece of material the size of a wash-tub in space. Tetrault is chief of satellite processing at Cheyenne Mountain, NORAD Center, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Staff Photo)

said.

The Marine captain said the extension of the surveillance in the air is live interception by Air Force planes, standing ready across the country.

"Once in a while we have the Air Force pilots intercept a craft, but it's very seldom. But if anything at all is there, we simply identify it ... by whatever means available," he continued.

Tetrault said the two big pieces of space debris which fell on land were Skylab, which landed in Australia, and a Russian craft which hit in the icelands of northern Canada.

He cited the mystery of the Northern Lights. "We finally took pictures from spacecraft in orbit and discovered magnetic forces of the earth were simply heating up particles which glowed, and the northern lights mystery vanished. I look at the UFO problem the same way.

"I know if life somewhere is intelligent enough to get here, they're

Woman reports UFO sighting over Eagle Creek

★ Have they returned after 10 years in space? ★

By Ray Horn

It's been 10 years since a number of persons reported UFO sightings in Barton and Eagle Creek but last week an Estacada woman said she saw one on the night of March 24.

Dorothy Derr said she was driving eastbound on Highway 224 at about 8:30 p.m. when she saw two crafts with lights hovering at a low altitude near the Eagle Creek store.

Derr said the two crafts had white lights and repeated the same maneuver several times. "They would hover close together and then they would dart away from each other at high speed and then come back together," she said. Derr stopped her car as she and five passengers in her car observed the phenomenon. Derr said each craft had six white lights in triangular arrangement. Asked if she could hear any engine noise from either craft, Derr said she could not. Derr said another motorist stopped behind her parked car to observe the same sight. Derr lives on Coupland Road in Estacada and said she could still see the objects after she continued on home.

Derr said she reported her sighting to the Clackamas County Sheriffs Department and asked if she should report the incident to any other law enforcement or governmental agencies.

"I don't believe in those things myself but I saw something," Derr said Friday afternoon. Derr said she was raised in a religious family and "I believe earth was made for man."

Derr's father, Willis Mitchell, was the subject of a Clackamas County news story about a similar UFO sighting in Eagle Creek in the Jan. 24, 1979 issue of The Clackamas County News. "A lot of people have seen strange stuff in the Carver curves," Derr said. "That's kind of why I wanted to report it," she said.

Derr said she was a passenger in her father's car in 1979 when they both saw a UFO. At that time, Derr said her father, Willis Mitchell, said "I want to follow it. I said then let me out," Derr recalls. He said "I am so old I don't care."

Derr said she felt more fearful during the 1979 sighting but "this time I felt more interested than scared. She said one of her children thought the crafts were following the car but she did not have the same perception.

Charles Woods, a former World War II B-17 flight engineer, reported his UFO sighting in Barton in the Jan. 17, 1979 issue of The Clackamas County News. Woods said he saw a craft with six bright red lights. Woods, and his 23-year-old daughter, Brenda, saw the craft hovering and then streaking over Barton at a high rate of speed on Christmas eve 1978.

Editorial comment

I've never had a strong opinion about UFO's but during 1979 I came to realize that the people reporting these incidents were totally sincere and honest in their recollections. Most of the people who saw such phenomenon did not call the newspaper as they were afraid others might not take them seriously. As a rule, our UFO stories developed after someone told us they had a friend or relative who saw a UFO at a specific time and place. If someone was merely seeking publicity, we felt it would be more likely that they would contact the newspaper directly.

One person who saw a UFO — indeed shot at one — was former Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ron McIntire. McIntire did not share his story with us while he was superintendent of schools because he feared some would question his sanity.

McIntire told us a friend of his wife's stayed at his home several nights during a summer. The woman slept on the deck the first night but wouldn't the next night after she saw an orange light hovering in the yard. McIntire slept on the deck the next night and saw the same hovering orange ball. What's more, he fired at the object with a 12 gauge shotgun, he said.



Sees UFO's twice in her life

Dorothy Derr saw something on the night of March 24. She said she's religious and has never believed in UFO's because "earth was made for man." But still, she knows she saw something. Many people have reported seeing UFO's in the Eagle Creek and Carver areas over the years, she said. The Clackamas County News carried a

number of stories about persons who reported seeing UFO's in January of 1979. Derr and her father, Willis Mitchell, saw an UFO in Carver on Christmas eve 1978. Derr is curious about others who may have witnessed the same phenomenon she saw on the night of March 24. (Clackamas County News photo by Ray Horn)

Asked why he fired at something that could have been from another world and which might have had its own defensive and offensive capabilities, McIntire said, "I guess I am kind of like my dog, I am territorial." McIntire also lived in Eagle Creek.

One reader brought us a photograph of an alleged UFO he saw hovering over the power lines in Eagle Creek some years ago. We gave the photograph to the Estacada City Library where it may still be on display.

— R.C.H.

Something's out there, UFO club members say

By Craig Cairns
News Journal

Charles Flannigan remembers the exact time, date and place he began believing in UFOs.

"I crossed the line (of disbelief) on July 12, 1962, at 2:30 p.m.," said Flannigan, a Pensacola real estate agent and director of the Escambia-Santa Rosa chapter of Mutual UFO Network Inc., or MUFON.

"Myself and three other people observed two daylight discs maneuvering in the sky above us for 12 to 15 minutes in Indiana. I thought 'UFO' at the time," he said.

"Later I spent 20 years in Naval

aviation, and no nation on earth has such technologically advanced craft."

Numerous reported sightings of UFOs in and around Gulf Breeze has helped make the local MUFON chapter the largest in the nation, MUFON officials said last week.

They asked any local citizens who see or hear what they believe to be a UFO to call 477-7777 at any time



and ask for a MUFON investigator. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

Walter H. Andrus Jr., MUFON international director in Seguin, Texas, said the 30 active members in the Escambia-Santa Rosa chapter give it more members than any of the nearly 150 chapters nationwide. MUFON, an international scientific organization of people interested in researching the UFO phenomenon, has 2,000 members worldwide, with about 1,800 members in the United States, Andrus said.

He said belief in UFOs is not a requirement of membership. But Flannigan and three other local

MUFON members said they are convinced of the existence of UFOs and a massive government cover-up of an alien presence.

They said local MUFON investigators have probed 135 sightings in the two-county area, most since a Gulf Breeze businessman known as "Ed" first reported sightings and took pictures in November 1967.

No one has been able to prove Ed faked the photos he took, although many have questioned their validity. MUFON members said numerous sightings by Ed and other responsible local citizens prove this

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is not a UFO hoax.

"We're talking about the greatest mystery of all time — the greatest cover-up of all time," Flannigan said about the government's refusal to confirm the existence of UFOs.

But Maj. Lou Figueroa, a U.S. Air Force public information officer in Washington, D.C., said the Air Force hasn't investigated UFOs since 1969, when "Project Blue Book" ended.

Figueroa said that project investigated more than 12,000 reported UFOs from 1948 to 1969, but found no proof UFOs are extraterrestrial, present a threat to national security or go beyond the limits of nature and modern technology.

Still, MUFON members Rex and Carol Salisbury of Navarre Beach, and Vicki Lyons of Pensacola, said they agree with Flannigan that all is not as it appears.

Rex Salisbury, a retired Air Force colonel and mathematics professor for St. Leo College northeast of Tampa, which offers classes at area military bases, said he became a UFO believer in the early 1960s.

He said nine Air Force personnel in three planes were flying over Kansas City, Mo., "when we all saw a lighted object at an altitude of 40,000 feet and traveling at about 1,500 mph."

The next day a Kansas City

newspaper reported a UFO landing, Salisbury said. But he said none of the men he flew with wanted to report their sighting to officials.

"It would have been too much of a hassle — a lot of paperwork and nobody would believe it," he said.

Carol Salisbury, an assistant professor of psychology and English for St. Leo College, said she and another woman were driving along Navarre Beach at 7 p.m. on April 7, 1988, when they spotted two disc-like lights in the sky.

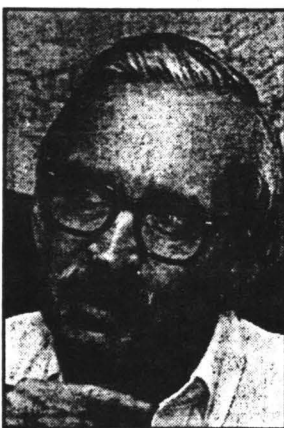
"We drove closer and they blinked out. We were amazed. Then we drove off and they blinked back on," she said. "If I had been by myself I never would have reported it. I just wouldn't have believed it."

Lyons, a piano teacher, said she has never had a UFO sighting, but became convinced they exist after extensive study of the phenomenon and hearing reports of sightings from people like the Salisberys.

Flannigan said MUFON believes that 90 percent of UFO sightings worldwide go unreported because people fear ridicule or worse if they tell people what they saw. "One of our chapter's main goals is to encourage all people to report sightings," he said. "We could learn so much more."



Carol Salisbury: UFOs blinked out, then back in.



Rex Salisbury: Lighted objects traveled at 1,500 mph.

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David Wecker

In search of UFOs, and respect

A guy in the audience has a question. This talk about spacenappers is all well and good, he says. But is it relevant?

Relevant? Peggy and Jerry Black are momentarily speechless. They've spent the past two hours here at the Milford Branch of the Clermont County Public Library delivering a lecture entitled "UFO Abductions: A Serious Reality" to a standing-room-only audience of nearly 100.

Among the points they've covered:

■ **Jerry's first UFO sighting.** It was Nov. 2, 1988. He and Peggy were driving east on U.S. 50 in Indiana when Peggy noticed ...

"... three horizontal lights, maybe 350 feet in the air. I thought it was an aircraft, and I told Jerry it seemed awful low. As soon as I said that, the lights banked to a straight up-and-down position."

They remember the lights shifting to a V formation. Then the three lights became four and turned yellow. Then they disappeared. Just like that.

Jerry, a 49-year-old office clerk, had spent 30 years investigating UFOs. And finally, he'd seen one. What else could it be? The experience was, he said, "quite a thrill, quite unexpected and shocking." It was like being a birdwatcher and spotting a rare Kirtland's warbler.

■ **The night in 1973 when Peggy is pretty sure she was abducted.** She was standing on her porch when ...

"... a star began floating down the street, followed by a second star. All of a sudden, they burst into a bunch of little white lights, like fireworks, but without any sound. Then they

came together into something like a full moon. Then it became four white dots with a red dot in the center and seemed to land."

Four years later, while Peggy was under hypnosis, Jerry says she recalled ...

"... five small beings coming into her home. One of them gestured for her to follow him. She was taken aboard an object and spoke of seeing a round object with rings around it."

"Saturn? Could be. Who knows? Anyway, somehow in there, she lost track of an hour and a half."

At that point, Jerry held up drawings of hairless aliens Peggy had rendered in pencil. Other than their cat-like eyes, Peggy's sinister-looking ETs had no facial features.

■ **An incident 13 years ago in which three women claimed to have been abducted outside Stanford, Ky.** As they were leaving the Redwood restaurant around 11:25 p.m., Jerry said they saw ...

"... a red object in the air that seemed about to crash. Suddenly, it stopped and a blue light flooded the back of their car. They thought it was a state trooper. ... The next thing they knew, they were getting home at 1:25 a.m. It took them two hours to make a 39-minute trip."

The weirdness continued, Jerry said. The women discovered red marks on their necks. Their skin burned when they showered. One had a parakeet that went berserk whenever she was around it. Circumstantial evidence, Jerry said, but evidence nonetheless.

He ended the lecture by playing some tapes of the women recalling the incident under hypnosis. They sobbed as they told of little ETs twisting their arms and legs. The audience listened intently.

And now, this guy has the gall to ask whether any of this is relevant. Relevant?

Jerry blows his stack. Does the guy think Jerry likes being dragged out of bed in the middle of the night to investigate UFO sightings? Does he think Jerry enjoys knowing that a lot of people think he's nuts? Relevant?

"Look — all I'm saying is it's possible something's out there," Jerry says angrily.

"Someday, we may all be confronted with these beings. And all I'm saying is, we ought to be ready for them."

UFO conference draws comment

From Aileen Dreesbach, Mountain Home:

I would like to thank The Bulletin for publicizing a conference on a subject much of the media choose to ignore simply because some people are prone to fear.

The April 14-16 UFO conference in Eureka Springs brought together hundreds of believers, skeptics, serious investigators, psychics and the optimistic and pessimistic curious. A steady procession of speakers from the U.S. Air Force, journalists, publishers of magazines and newspapers, reporters and newsmen, professors and engineers kept the audience spellbound for three days.

Eureka Springs shows off the artistry of the old and modern architecture with buildings that jut out from the hills and the streets coil around into a maze as unpredictable and puzzling as the UFO story itself.

Arkansas ranks high in investigation of UFO activity so one of the speakers was a co-publisher of a newspaper from ashdown who spoke on UFO's in Southwest Arkansas. He joined the author of "A Strange Harvest," a book on her 10-year investigation into cattle mutilations in the world.

Film and photos of the latest incident near Hope in Hempstead County showed the same pattern, the usual removal of parts with laser-type incisions and no blood or visible tracks of humans or predators. Residents report of a bright light in the direction of Perryville which always seems to accompany and precede the incident.

Her book details her years of research and interviews with the farmers and experts in the field of pathology and hematology to prove her theories that some of the sighted crafts are alien labs collecting samples of earth's flora and fauna.

Subjects by speakers, roundtable discussions and audience participation included abductee and contactee experiences, government credibility and investigative journalism, well-known cases such as the White Sands incident and Gulf Breeze incident and others.

A journalist gave his report of UFO's in Latin America and an author-editor from Lincoln, England, told his story with the dry humor of the British. He said UFO knowledge is not as easy to publicize overseas because they are not fortunate to have a "Freedom of Information Act." He urged that here, the freest country in the world, that its citizens press for cooperation from the government and other media so that serious intelligent investigators can extract that which is true from that which is false, for any activity that becomes popular has its charlatans. The reason for the stepped-up activity is the fact that today when individuals tell of UFO experiences they may be ridiculed by others but at least they are not burned at the stake.

UFO's are not new since they have been reported from as far back as earth's history. The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON, for short) is an organization set up for intelligent research and dissemination of information and support for those who experience some of the trauma connected with some experiences.

Large on-screen photos accompanied the speakers and UFO's caught by lucky photographers of the elusive crafts kept the audience in animated speculation as to the authenticity of the photos. Were they real or a pie pan some hoaxer swung on a string? The serious investigator always will find plenty of debunkers.

One thing everyone seems to agree on and that is that UFO's are real. We are a sister planet that has always been under surveillance from above because we are regarded as the bad boy in a classroom who disrupts the others and doesn't listen to the teacher.

We still settle our differences by killing each other and destroy the earth itself by greed and plunder. Our technology is far advanced over our spiritual knowledge and now that we have nuclear weapons can raise havoc in our galaxy. Another thing that the conference brings out is that with freedom to speak and explore, the UFO mystery will not long remain a mystery.

DAILY NEWS, Russell, KS - March 20, 1989

Editorial

Thought Controllers at It Again

Ottawa's physician, Dr. Scott Corder, has been called by a healing arts board to undergo a psychiatric examination. His license is suspended until further notice. For the time being, he's declined the honor.

Dr. Corder's problem, according to the board, lies in contacts with extraterrestrial personages who may or may not be known to others. The board fears for the doctor's mental health. We're inclined to fear for the board.

To be true, Dr. Corder, with contacts in Russell and other places, relates startling stories. He's been contacted by Cepheus, who modestly admits he is a spiritual reincarnation of Apostle Peter. The doctor says he's assigned a role among 21 chosen people. He isn't sure what the part will be but he is finding more as secrets are revealed from time to time. This is the material from which stories of the supernatural and science fiction are derived. This is the kind of material from which witch hunts develop.

On the doctor's side, however, is a

history of unidentified flying objects—ranging over nearly 200 years of U.S. history and dating, according to some, back to biblical days. In fact, the present contacts are tied, those chosen ones say, to the Bible.

Not all are asked to believe and that's probably just as well, considering how skeptics thrive on rumor and hearsay. If Dr. Corder believes, it seems to us to be a matter between him and Cepheus—not a board of medical arts.

If Corder can be hounded for his beliefs, then psychiatrists have a Herculean chore ahead. If everyone who doesn't believe as you and I is to be tested, thumped, checked, probed and punched then Heaven help those free souls among us who are known to march to a different drummer, see things that may not be there and dream those impossible dreams. After all, when all is said and done, who's to decide—which is really right and which is wrong? And, for that matter, what difference does it really make?—R.T.T.



Littleton writer Linda Moulton Howe says the case is very strong that some kind of extraterrestrial life forms are intruding on this planet.

COLORADO INCIDENTS

Colorado, along with the entire Rocky Mountain region, has long been fertile ground for tales of strange doings that may — or may not — be linked to visitors from beyond.

The following are highlights of recent oddities that have surfaced in reports to police, the military, the media and others:

■ **May 1988:** Unexplained cattle mutilations, the target of hot debate in the 1970s, continue. Weld County sheriff's deputy Mike Stark photographs a mutilated cow near Greeley that bears wounds corresponding precisely to those suffered by hundreds of other livestock around the world.

■ **Oct. 31, 1988:** Jefferson County sheriff's personnel investigate a "large orange ball of fire" that falls to the ground near Aspen Park. They conclude it "probably

was a meteor" but find no debris.

■ **March 10, 1989:** Little River County, Ark., is the site of three cattle mutilations. A Denver pathologist's examination reveals findings identical to results of tests on "Lady," a mutilated horse discovered in Colorado's San Luis Valley 22 years earlier.

■ **March 21, 1989:** Flight controllers at the Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center are baffled by strange radar blips. Some controllers "had a dozen or more of these targets merging with actual aircraft targets over a half-hour period," controller Kevin Cain wrote. Cain now dismisses the episode as "false targets" generated by a computer malfunction.

■ **March 28, 1989:** A Longmont resident writes the *Rocky Mountain News* to

report her sighting of a daytime UFO she witnessed March 21, the same day FAA controllers made their puzzling sightings.

■ **April 3, 1989:** A "brilliant blue object" rocketing across Colorado daytime skies tentatively is identified as a possible "rare daytime meteorite" by a Boulder astronomer. North American Defense Command at Colorado Springs acknowledges sightings, has no explanation.

■ **April 18, 1989:** Capt. Thomas Niemann, at the U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs, says that military facility routinely tracks 6,900 man-made objects in space. Each day, he says, an average of "one or two" objects enter the Earth's atmosphere which do not "correlate" with any known object.

Aliens among us, local writer says

By CHARLIE BRENNAN
Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

There are strangers among us.

So says veteran Littleton documentary filmmaker Linda Moulton Howe, who will make her debut as an author next month with a startling new book: *Alien Harvest: Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations and Human Abductions to Alien Life Forms*.

Caution: People with a low threshold for the bizarre and improbable may want to stop here. For the rest, here is Howe's description of the book's hypothesis:

"The case is very strong that we have some kind of non-human alien life form that is intruding on this planet for reasons that are still not clear to me, and may not still be clear to the government."

Howe is far from the first to allege that the highest levels of government have kept a tight lid on their own knowledge of unidentified flying objects, and their crews, at least since the supposed crash and recovery of debris near Roswell, N.M., in July 1947.

But Howe's credentials separate her from many UFO believers. Her master's degree is from Stanford University, and her resume features an entire page of journalism awards — 30 of them. They include three regional Emmys for television documentaries.

One of those Emmys came for *A Strange Harvest*, which first aired in 1980 and explored the possible links between western-states livestock mutilations and UFOs.

Livestock mutilations became such a concern in western states in the mid-1970s that Gov. Richard Lamm ordered the Colorado Bureau of Investigation in 1975 to examine the problem.

A year later, the CBI concluded — in a report many still criticize — that all but a few mutilations they studied could be attributed to predators. And the animals were in most cases already dead from natural causes, the CBI said.

In her book, Howe expands upon the mystery she first probed with *A Strange Harvest*.

Within three weeks of the film's first broadcast, Howe said, "All I heard from ranchers, from deputies, from sheriffs, from a fellow journalist up in northeast Colorado — from one veterinarian who would only talk to me confidentially — were wild UFO stories."

"I heard so many UFO stories that I myself was stunned," she said.

U.S. Air Force officials have heard plenty of stories, too, but don't express great interest.

Maj. Lou Figueroa acknowledged that the Air Force did investigate the UFO phenomenon from 1948 to 1969, and checked out "over 12,000 sightings."

Of that number, he said, "There were only 701 reported sightings that could be categorized as unexplained."

The final "Project Blue Book" report, he said, stated that "there has been no evidence" that any sightings recorded as unidentified are "extraterrestrial vehicles."

The government stance is vexing to Howe, who has a copy of the "Majestic-12 Preliminary Briefing for President-elect Eisenhower." It purports to be a digest concerning findings of a top-secret panel empowered by President Harry S. Truman to investigate material recovered from the Roswell incident and others.

The Nov. 18, 1952, alleged government report describes the wreckage, and the condition of four "human-like beings" recovered near the wrecked aircraft.

"It was the tentative conclusion of this group that although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different."

"What I don't know is where they come from," Clendenon said, who says he has seen many UFOs, although he has never been aboard one.

"I have seen — when I could see details — about a half dozen. The other ones, balls of light, I've seen dozens of those."

The organization of UFO researchers wants to convince Congress to hold public hearings and bring out the truth about extra-terrestrial visitors.

"We're not getting a fair shake on this," he said. "I'll grant you there are a bunch of stories about little green men that're a bunch of baloney."

Figueroa said he'd heard of the Majestic 12 report but had never seen it. Asked if he had ever heard an explanation that would debunk the report's content, he said simply, "No, I haven't."

Philip Klass, a senior editor for 35 years of *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine, is perhaps the nation's best-known UFO skeptic. He considers the Majestic-12 report a fraud.

Among other things, Klass said, the military-style writing in the document is inconsistent with the military style at the time.

In short, said Klass, "There's a greater chance that Santa Claus and his little elves exist, than us having extraterrestrial visitors."

University of Colorado physics researcher George Lawrence, a board member of Rocky Mountain Skeptics, also dismisses Howe's theories, though in more guarded language.

Lawrence said stories of supposed UFOs "fall into the category of being too good to be true."

His skepticism stems in part, he said, from his belief that "there are no hard artifacts" to prove UFOs' and aliens' existence beyond any doubt. Still, he concedes, he's "never really researched the UFO question" for himself.

Howe denies that she has adopted "some kind of 'ism' or a belief system."

"I am a filmmaker and I am a writer who has been presented material from a variety of sources that all say the same thing, that we have alien life forms mucking around on this planet," she said.

Howe has done more than merely review the already well-thumbed documentation of UFO lore. She actively investigated continuing developments in the field as recently as last month.

Howe was contacted in March by Jim Williamson, editor of the *Little River News*, in Ashdown, Ark. After a series of what Williamson called "dancing lights" in the night sky dating back to August 1987, local residents discovered five dead cows in a field March 10 of this year. Three had been mutilated. There were no signs of bleeding. Or of human footprints.

Williamson and Howe said tissue from one of the carcasses was analyzed at their request by pathologist Dr. John Altschuler of Denver.

Micro-photographs showed that the excisions were made "at a very high heat" and were done "rapidly," Altschuler told the *News*.

Williamson, called by Arkansas State Police, said that one of the cows appeared to have died suddenly, practically in mid-stride.

"Something freeze-framed it," he noted. "If we've got buzzards that are doing this, they're awesome."

Howe said that although she feels her research has been thorough and exhaustive, she has no illusions about winning over the doubters of the world.

"In terms of hard proof, until the aliens and the silver discs are laid out in front of us by the President of the United States... I don't think anybody is going to accept anything as hard proof," she said.

Flaming object in skies seen by many people

Something that looked like a ball of fire trailing sparks streaked across area skies last week Tuesday night bringing out parties searching for a downed airplane. No plane has been found and there has been no better identification of the object than an "Unidentified Flying Object," (UFO). A Mayday reported on a radio scanning screen at Bison raised the possibility of a burning plane. That explanation has been pretty well ruled out because of the wide area separating the sightings and the time elapsed between sightings. A meteor has been advanced as a theory but that seems unlikely because the sightings did not all follow a straight path. If all the sightings were accurate the meteor would have to have been zig-zagging across the skies.

The UFO was reported near Kimball. Several people at Moberg reported sightings to police. Marne Bickel, Trail City, said she saw a round ball of fire trailing sparks and thought it was headed toward Moberg. Larry Gill near Trail City said he saw a ball of fire go by his living room window at about 8:15. He said the ball was very bright and appeared to be heading northwest toward Little Eagle.

Some ladies going from McLaughlin to Moberg on highway 12 to go bowling saw the flaming object.

Mrs. Janet Rau said it flashed in the sky something like lightning. Richard Glines and his wife were traveling east on highway 12 east of McIntosh and Mr. Glines said he saw something that looked like a burning round ball of fire trailing flames streaking across the sky. His wife was sleeping and he woke her up but the object had ducked behind a cloud.

The object was sighted northeast of McLaughlin by Marvin Pleinis. He said he saw an orange and yellow round object crossing the sky and that it appeared to go down east of the Oahe reservoir near Pollock.

Ruben Speidel was in Sioux Falls but said his neighbors told him the object went over his farm northeast of McLaughlin. He said his dog has gone blind but the dog has not been feeling well and maybe something else was the reason.

McLaughlin pilot Clyde Rische took off from the McLaughlin airport on the chance there was a downed plane. He thought he saw something burning on the ground near the Promise road in the northern part of Dewey County. A four-wheel all-terrain vehicle did some searching but found nothing. There was some rain and travel by any other vehicle was not possible.

Wednesday morning a search was started by the Civil Air Patrol but found nothing.

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UFO not a chicken feeder

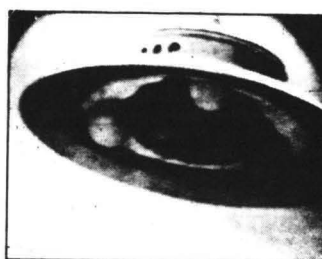
■ Gulfport UFO expert Bill Clendenon will try to spread the truth when he speaks before the 1989 International Ozark UFO Conference in Arkansas, April 14-16.

"The public isn't getting the whole story," said Clendenon, who says he sighted an unidentified flying object from 150 feet. "We know the government is lying about it. In 40 years, they've

done nothing but lie to the public about UFOs."

Clendenon will try to clear up debate about a 1952 photograph, which has been called a chicken feeder, a tobacco humidifier lid, a surgical lampshade and a hubcap.

"Actually, it's a real UFO," said Clendenon, who says he has seen the same UFO. The craft was 35 to 40 feet in diameter and must have come from a much larger mother ship.



Clendenon will discuss this 1952 photo at the UFO conference.

Anderson still in search of UFOs

By PEG KALAR
Staff Writer

Mark Anderson was returning home from a high school dance in Wisconsin back in the late 1960s when he almost saw a UFO.

He was dozing in the car when he was awakened by his three companions, who saw an "elongated light hovering over a field ... that shot straight up into the sky."

Anderson said he "didn't see enough of it to determine what it was or what it wasn't." But it was enough to pique a life-long interest in UFOs — unidentified flying objects.

Anderson, 39, who now lives in Fergus Falls, said he's been watching — fruitlessly — for UFOs for the past two decades. But he's done the next best thing to seeing one: He's signed on to interview people who think they have seen them.

Anderson is a field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, an international scientific research organization that studies and researches UFO

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—Mark Anderson

reports. As an investigator, Anderson seeks out people who report UFO sightings, attempting to determine whether what they've seen is truly an unidentified flying object.

After the incident on that Wisconsin road in the late 1960s, Anderson began reading about UFOs. In the mid-1970s, he went a step further and volunteered with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). He became a field investigator for that group, which had its headquarters in Washington, D.C.

He did investigations for the group while he lived in the Winona-LaCrosse area. Anderson ended his association with the UFO group when he moved to

Fergus Falls in 1979, and NICAP eventually merged with MUFON. A recent show on UFOs on cable television, however, prompted him to apply for membership in MUFON, which accepted him as a field investigator.

Walter Andrus, a retired Motorola employee, is MUFON's director and also a volunteer. He said MUFON's objective is to answer four questions: 1. Do UFOs exist? (Based on the "tens of thousands" of reported sightings, he said, the answer is yes.) 2. How are they powered? 3. Where are they from? 4. What can we learn from the creatures that drive these things?

Andrus said the organization has more than 2,000 members worldwide; individuals must ap-

ply for membership, he said, because "you want to keep out the kooky element" because of the controversial nature of UFOs.

Anderson said he was accepted because of his interest in UFOs, as well as his background in astronomy, meteorology, photography and investigating. They're all fields that enter into his work as an investigator.

Does Anderson believe UFOs exist?

"Yes," he said. "Unfortunately, when you mention UFOs, most people automatically think of something from another planet."

"I don't know what they are ... (they're) just a flying object that's unidentified."

Anderson said that 85 to 90 percent of UFO sightings can be explained. While he was doing work for NICAP, he said he identified every unidentified flying object that he investigated.

One of the objects most commonly mistaken for a UFO is the planet Venus, he said. At certain times of the year the planet appears bright and twinkly as it

follows the sun down, he explained, and it seems to move if a person stares at it long enough.

Other objects often mistaken for UFOs are the planet Mars and a star called Sirius, which appears in the winter in the southern sky, Anderson said, as well as weather balloons, airplanes, meteors and, on rare occasions, a phenomenon called "ball lightning."

"In one case a guy ended up being chased by the moon," Anderson said. Another suspected UFO turned out to be an airplane that was pulling an illuminated advertising banner.

Field investigators are equipped with charts that show the position of every star and planet at any given time of the year, so planets and stars can be ruled out as UFOs. Investigators also contact local airports and the National Weather Service during their investigations.

When objects cannot be identified, Anderson said there are three possible explanations: They are natural phenomenon science has not yet discovered, they are experimental craft from this planet or they are interplanetary vehicles.

"There is no hard evidence we are being 'visited' ... but there is enough evidence to warrant investigation," he said.

Most UFO sightings are "by responsible people with no reason to fabricate a story ... who have honestly seen something they can't explain," Anderson said. He added that most people who see UFOs have the same reaction: "I never believed in a UFO until I saw one."

One of the most fascinating cases occurred in Minnesota's Marshall County in 1975, he said. A county deputy had been asked to investigate a report of a strange light. He recalls approaching the light, but that is all he recalls. Anderson said he was found later unconscious, with his watch stopped and his police radio antenna bent at a 90-degree angle.

He said that, in another case, a Japanese airliner flying over Alaska reported that it was "buzzed" by three UFOs, and the plane's equipment "went haywire." In Gulf Breeze, Fla., he continued, about 135 people have reported seeing an unusual object that has yet to be identified.

Most people who see UFOs are reluctant to report what they saw because they fear being ridiculed, Anderson said. For that reason, MUFON promises people strict confidentiality; Anderson would say only that he is not currently involved in an investigation, although there have been several reports of UFO sightings in western Minnesota in the past.

Because MUFON is a volunteer organization, investigators spend their own time and money on the cases.

"It can be a lot of hard work, and you have to have an open mind," Anderson said. "People usually ridicule what they don't understand."

Some cases can be solved quickly in a telephone conversation, Anderson said, while others warrant further investigation by scientists. MUFON has a board of consultants who represent 45 scientific and technological fields.

Anderson said reports of UFO sightings are collected in the computer file of MUFON, which has its office in Seguin, Texas, near San Antonio. The non-profit organization also publishes a monthly magazine that details UFO sightings and developments in the field.

Investigators most often hear of possible sightings from law enforcement authorities or in newspaper reports, Anderson said. What he's hoping is that people who have seen UFOs — whether last week or five years ago — will contact him so he can investigate. He can be contacted by writing to Box 931 in Fergus Falls.

"People probably see things, but they aren't telling anyone," he said. "Who do you tell?"

Fyffe weary of UFO mania

By Frank Sikora
News staff writer

FYFFE — It was raining across much of Alabama Saturday and at no place was it more welcome than in Fyffe, a Sand Mountain town of 1,300 about 95 miles north of Birmingham.

"I hope it pours and I hope it rains again next Friday," said Tammie Mitchell, the town municipal clerk. "We need a rest."

This DeKalb County town has been the center of reported UFO sightings in recent weeks.

The lure of a close encounter with some extraterrestrials drew an estimated 4,000 earthlings to the town Friday night, turning Main Street into a traffic carnival.

"It looks like we're having a Christmas parade or something," Police Chief Junior Garmany said.

At one point he had to order another officer to clear a traffic tie-up at the blinking yellow light a block from city hall.

As out-of-towners rode slowly through the streets, several teenage boys — some wearing red Fyffe High School jackets — hooted and pointed to the sky, shouting "There it is. It's a UFO."

Muttered the chief, "I think some of these people are trying to perform for the TV crews."

It was Garmany and Assistant Chief Fred Works who reported the sighting that put Fyffe on space watchers' maps.

The two said that on the night of Feb. 10 they saw a large pale object that passed directly over them without a sound. They said it had three large white lights which illuminated the craft.

Others have reported seeing a craft that looked "banana-shaped," but Garmany and Works said that was not what they saw.

Regardless, that sighting prompted a bevy of others — bluish lights, red and green lights, white lights, things that

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With bonfire blazing in the background, Ken Williams of Gadsden, his daughter Katie, 11, and son Kenneth, 9, search for UFO Friday night.

were not airplanes.

On the outskirts of town Friday night, Fire Chief Ricky Dobbins built a huge bonfire behind his house. About 50 people gathered, gazing into the night skies for some sign of a lighted object.

But all they saw were the sparks that popped and hissed from the fire.

Larry Kennedy was one of those at the fire.

"There have been too many sightings all over the world for there not to be some significance," he said. "Whether it's psychological or material, there's something to it. I'm just curious."

He and others later listened as Doris Kilpatrick, 50, of Crossville, told of seeing a UFO. She said she saw it last Wednesday at about 9:30 p.m. She said it had green and red lights on the perimeter and three large white lights on the bottom.

"It went over the Rodentown community where my sister Agnes Kilgore

lives, and she told me later that there was such a bright white light that it lit up the inside of her house and hurt her eyes," Mrs. Kilpatrick said.

There have been other reports of people being "blinded" by a bright white light.

There was one report — never confirmed — that a resident of the Lick Skillet community fired a 12-gauge shotgun at an object he sighted.

The celestial mood here has prompted Charles Bailey, 31, and Nathan Jones, 37, to start selling T-shirts with UFO designs on them. Friday night they sold about 60 at \$12 a shirt. Part of the funds were to go to the Fyffe Fire Department.

Since Feb. 10 the reports have come in with regularity from other small towns that line the crest of Sand Mountain, places such as Geraldine, Crossville and Powell.

The people here believe that some-

thing is being seen — they don't know what.

"There must be something to it," said Charles Finley, who lives here. "If there wasn't, all these people wouldn't be here."

And his wife Faye added, "If I did see something, it'd scare the fire out of me."

And Ms. Mitchell, the municipal court clerk, added, "We believe the officers. If they told us they saw green men coming out, we'd believe it. But they didn't say that. They just said they saw something which is unidentified. But they've been having a hard time. That's why we need a break."

Chief Garmany is noticeably deliberate when a UFO report comes in.

"I don't get up and start running," he said, adding that "If one sits down in the middle of the street and blocks traffic, then I'll respond."



A BILLION STARS—The belief that unidentified flying objects are attributable to extraterrestrial life is one that is gaining increasing support among Long Islanders, despite scientists' contention that the case for life in other galaxies, like the whirlpool known as Canes Venatici shown here, has simply not been made. Photo courtesy of the Custer Institute, Southold. (Full A18F)

UFO sightings:

Close encounters of Long Island kind

By Julia C. Mead

The philosophical line between believers in extraterrestrial life and the scientists who debunk their so-called evidence is as fine, and as cutting, as a razor's edge. Only the assumption that our life-sustaining planet is not a phenomenon unique to the entire universe lies between the two, but it is a fine distinction which cuts deep and separates the many.

Most reputable scientists agree there is a natural explanation for nearly every alleged sighting of an unidentified flying object. They name rocket and aircraft exhaust, searchlights, aircraft flying in formation, and meteoric activity among the verifiable causes for strange, dancing lights.

The believers in UFOs, and they are many, counter this argument by saying that science cannot explain away everything strange that happens in the night sky. In addition, they say academicians and researchers offer no explanation at all for the increasing numbers of people going public with ter-

fairly understood, most people are surprised when they see the visual effects."

Knacke stresses the distinction between those who are seriously and scientifically exploring the possibility of extraterrestrial life and those who accept it as the sole cause of UFOs.

Radio telescopes manned by astronomers, he says, are listening for messages from other planets in other solar systems and a significant amount of telescope observing time has been dedicated to the pursuit of unusual atmospheric activity.

Extensive Discussion

University conferences feature extensive discussion between scientists about how many life forms there may be in other solar systems, what shape those beings may take, and in what numbers they exist.

The one piece of evidence that urges these scientists on is that life does exist on earth. "The questions we are trying to answer are these: Is there anything unique about life on earth? Has it only happened once or does it happen a few times on a few planets?" Knacke queries. "It's fair to say we don't know of anything that makes life unique on earth."

However, he cautions, it is important to remember that just because no one can say with certainty that life is unique to our planet, the theory that life therefore exists elsewhere in the universe does not necessarily follow.

This question was one of the motivations for NASA's 1977 Viking I mission to study the surface of Mars. The Viking data suggests there is no life on Mars. "It could be argued that all the evidence is not in," Knacke says. "but by and large it seems unlikely there is life on Mars or any other planet except ours in this solar system."

More UFO Reports

However, it becomes exceedingly clear when one listens to members of the Long Island UFO Network that more and more area residents are reporting sightings of unusual and, for them, inexplicable activity in the night skies.

There were 170 reported sightings investigated by LIUFON researchers during 1988, claims Chairman John Ford, with an additional 30 sightings called in to its hotline telephone number during the first three months of 1989.

"There is not a town or an area on Long Island that we did not get news of a sighting from credible people," Ford announced during a recent LIUFON conference in Middle Island. Those reports, he says, came from air traffic controllers, professional people such as lawyers and doctors, from the young and the old, and from police officers, seemingly the most jaded and skeptical segment of any community.

Ford tells one hair-raising tale—which he labels a government cover-up—of an October 18 sighting made during daylight hours at the intersection of Hallock and Colombia streets in Port Jefferson. According to his sources, whom he declined to identify, a vehicle driven by a postal worker was buzzed by a UFO at about 4:30 p.m. The postal worker became frightened by the large object and called police.

Buzzes Cops

Five police officers from the Sixth Precinct responded, Ford continues, and were so terrorized by the round, domed aircraft continuing to buzz the area that they reportedly drew their guns.

Since then, he adds, three of those five police officers have been transferred out of the Sixth Precinct. Three civilian witnesses have allegedly told Ford and LIUFON investi-

gators they were advised by federal agents—from an unnamed agency—not to discuss the experience with anyone. Ford mentions vague threats of retaliation via the Internal Revenue Service.

"I've heard that stupid story, too," said one member of the Sixth Precinct when Suffolk Life attempted to confirm the story.

According to Inspector Russell Brown, Sixth Precinct commanding officer, there is no record of a UFO sighting, or any similar occurrence, in police tour reports for October 18. "That story is just terrible, just terrible," Brown laughs. "No one on my staff, not the lieutenant on duty that day, remembers anything about a UFO sighting."

No Formal Policy

In response to Ford's charge that Suffolk Police have been given a formal policy on how to handle UFO reports, Brown says he "has never run across such a policy."

"I might call a duty officer at home in the middle of the night for a procedure if something came up, and if nothing else, we would check with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration), but I can say there was absolutely no UFO sighting involving police officers on that day," Brown asserts.

In addition, he notes, there have been no personnel transferred out of the Sixth Precinct recently except as a result of promotion.

Unlike those allegedly involved in the Port Jefferson incident, Cheryl Estler of Bayport is not afraid to tell her story to the press. Estler says she is not crazy. She and her two daughters, then aged 10 and 12, have seen a flying saucer.

On September 5, Labor Day, Estler recalls driving home on Middle Road, heading east, from an Oakdale shoe store at about 8:30 p.m. Along with the family mutt, the woman and her daughters were accompanied by two of the girls' young friends.

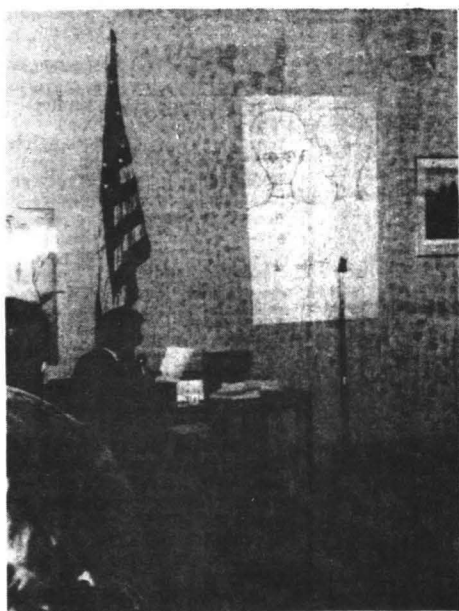
Headlights in Sky

"I remember I was tired and the oncoming headlights were bothering my eyes. Then I looked up and saw the headlights coming from the sky, off to my left hand side, to the north," she recollects. "I remember thinking 'oh great, now they're coming at me from the sky.'"

Two white lights, brighter, but about the same size as headlights, followed steadily alongside Estler's car. "My first instinct was to think it was a plane getting ready to land at MacArthur, but it was just above the trees and it kept right with me along the north side of the road from Sayville to Snedecor Avenue."

"The time seemed to go so slow, like it took us forever to go down the road," she adds. "Every time I looked, that thing was right there."

There is a difference of opinion as to what the craft actually looked like, with Estler saying it was rectangular in shape and her daughters recalling a dome. The 10-year-



ALIEN BEINGS—During a recent conference sponsored by the Long Island UFO Network, a UFO investigator indicates the similarity of four descriptions of extraterrestrial life by four different people who claim to have met them. Photo by Julia C. Mead. (Full A18F)

rifying tales of abduction by alien beings.

Roger Knacke, a professor of astronomy in the State University at Stony Brook earth and space sciences department, says although there are sometimes unusual occurrences in the sky over Long Island which he is unable to immediately identify as a known natural event, he and his colleagues generally assert the acceptance of flying saucers as fact is not the answer to their unanswered questions.

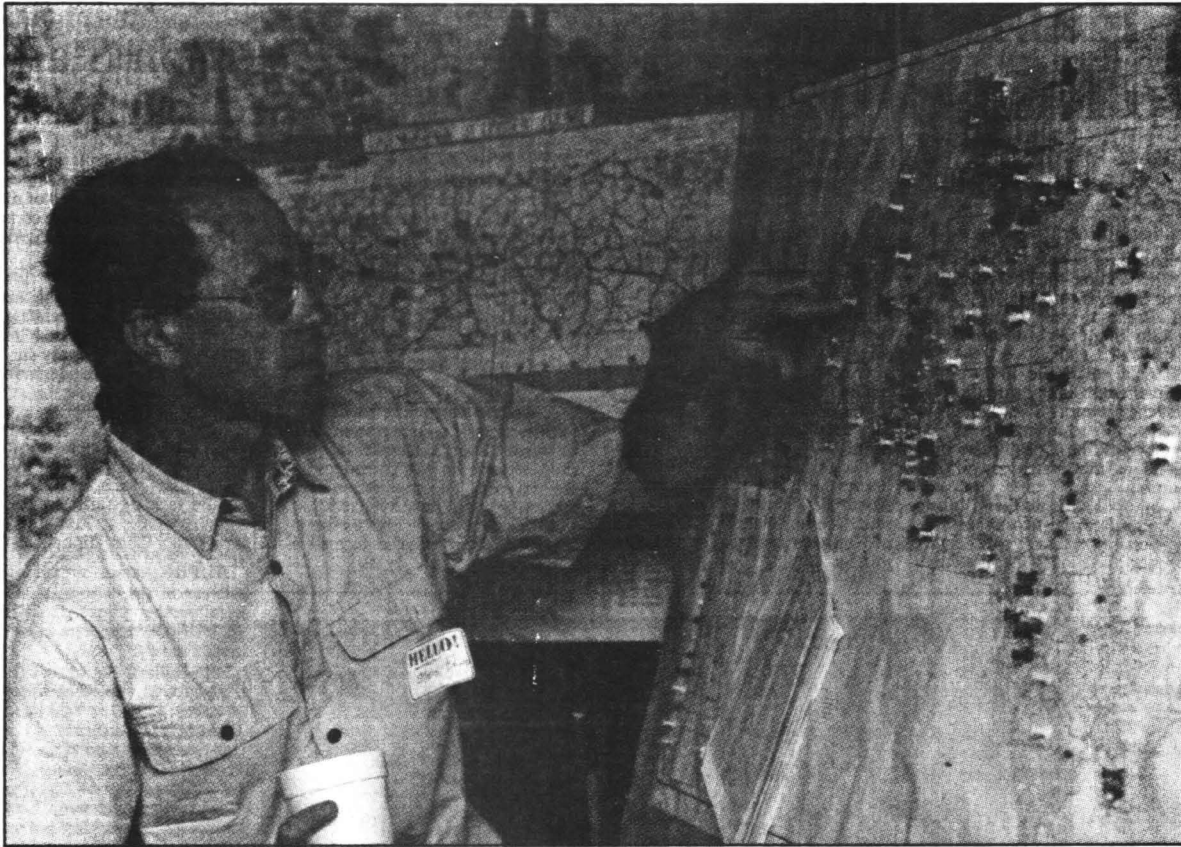
No Scientific Evidence

"I don't believe there is any evidence that unidentified flying objects are an indication of intelligent extraterrestrial life of any kind. It just seems there is no plausible evidence for that which has been forthcoming," Knacke asserts. "There has been no communication with any such life form that is repeatable and verifiable."

"There are atmospheric phenomena that we do not understand," he adds. "Lightning is not fully understood. I think it would be worth pursuing that study, and it would be interesting to know where and when meteors will fall. Ice in the atmosphere can reflect strange light, and although that is

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Cheryl Estler



CURTIS PARKER/Staff

Steve Bond and a map of UFO sitings in North Carolina. Bond was in Lincolnton Sunday to meet with others who either claim to have seen UFOs or have investigated reports of the alien ships.

Out Of This World

UFO Enthusiasts Gather To Share Accounts, Mark Anniversary

By JOE MARUSAK
Staff Writer

LINCOLNTON — Steve Bond and Susan Lightcap were traveling south of Asheville in Transylvania County one night two years ago when they suddenly saw the light.

It was a large, fuzzy yellow light. Bond, who had been trained to spot aircraft during his three years in the Navy, had never seen anything like it.

The pair drove 10 miles before reaching the light, which Bond said hovered 1,000 feet above U.S. 64. They stopped the car and got out.

"I said, 'That is no helicopter because helicopters make a lot of noise,'" Bond recalled.

The silent object then vanished without a trace, he said.

With that, the two friends joined an growing number of people who have reported seeing unidentified flying objects.

They came to Lincolnton from Asheville Sunday to meet with others who either claim to have seen UFOs or have investigated reports of alien ships.

George Fawcett, who has investigated 1,200 such reports worldwide over 45 years, hosted the gathering at his home on Battleground Road.

Fawcett, 59, takes his work seriously but still keeps a sense of humor about it.

"My wife had me down as a UFO one time," Fawcett joked to the 23 people who exchanged UFO literature and first-person accounts during the three-hour gathering.

Still kidding, Fawcett said he agrees with people who dismiss UFO spotters as drunks. "Most people start drinking after they see

UFOs, not before," he said to laughter.

Lincolnton resident Danny Barger has never seen a UFO, but he knows where they reportedly were sighted.

Barger has made a map of all reported UFO sightings in North Carolina, with a pin stuck in each location. It reflects 829 reported sightings through 1988.

"And this is probably only 10 percent of what has been seen," Fawcett said. "It represents the tip

of the iceberg." UFO enthusiasts have recorded 74 re-



Barger
of the iceberg."

UFOs spotted in Trumbull sky

UFO REPORT: Normally, reports of UFO sightings are treated with a bit of skepticism by those of us world-weary, jaded veterans of the news media. When the phone message slip bearing yet another report of strange objects filling the skies above Trumbull reached my desk, it raised an eyebrow and alerted all of my professional journalistic warning instincts. "Hmmm, we'll get to this one later," I thought, and began toiling at other tasks.

A little while later, my eyes were lifted from the menu, I mean task at hand, and I saw the message once again, I reviewed the possibilities. One, the message could have been called in by one of these guy's friends as a joke. (You'd be shocked at the number of people who attempt to deceive the news media for their own cheap amusement.) Two, it could be a nut who thinks he saw a UFO land on the football field at THS, saw the not-dead Elvis emerge from a flying saucer and thrill several aliens with a stirring rendition of "Teddy Bear." Three, it could be a real person with a real story. I drew in my breath and began to punch out the gentleman's number.



Dave Pelland
Words About
Town

When the person answered the phone "Textron-Lycoming," I figured I was on to something legitimate. I began speaking with Douglas Strickland, an engineer who began filling me in with his tale. He had seen something strange in the air. He called the police. Several other people had called the police saying they had seen something strange. Strickland called to let me—and you—know he is searching for those other people to compare notes.

If you saw something that you can't explain in the Daniels Farm Road area about 10 p.m. last Thursday, give Doug a call at 732-4988. He wants to know what you saw, and he wants to know if you have any information that will help him in his quest to find out what he saw. He's eliminated most of the usual suspects, such as blimps, helicopters, weather balloons, and doesn't have any idea about what was up there. If you do, give him a call and help him out.

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UFO sightings reported; Kaolian's unconvinced

By MIKE PATRICK
Post-Telegram staff writer

Fairfield County residents reported seeing a large, unidentified flying object soaring through the nighttime sky Thursday night.

But Sikorsky Memorial Airport Manager Morgan Kaolian blamed it on a group of nearby pilots playing a prank.

Easton resident Brian Dumas said he saw a UFO flying near his home between 9:30 and 10 p.m. Thursday.

"It looked like a flying-wing-type shape with lights in the back," said Dumas. "It flew over the tree-line in back of our house."

Dumas said the craft resembled the U.S. Military's new Stealth bomber, with red, yellow and blue lights in the back and a blinking red light on the right side.

But Kaolian, asked about the sightings, said: "They've got to be airplanes."

In the past, several pilots known as "The Westchester Group" have flown in circular formation and on cue have turned their landing lights

on and off, giving the impression of one mammoth craft, he said.

It is suspected this group then collects the newspaper clippings on the UFO sighting reports they created.

"They must have a bunch of belly laughs on the public," Kaolian said. "They usually pick very clear nights. I've been trying to catch them for years but I've never seen it myself."

A Trumbull woman who didn't want to be identified telephoned the Post-Telegram newspapers, saying the low-flying object was as big as a football field and V-shaped.

A low, mellow hum was emitted from the UFO, which was adorned with lights, she added.

Trumbull and Easton police departments reported receiving several calls of UFO sightings Thursday night.

Ironically, the same night, local cable television suppliers broadcast the popular science fiction movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

It is about alien visitors who land on Earth in brightly lit flying saucers.

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UFO group checks sightings

Residents turn to MUFON in effort to explain incidents

By Kathy Kemp
Post-Herald Reporter

Whom do you call to report a UFO?
The police, maybe?
That's good. But then whom do the police call?
Uh, the FBI?
The Air Force?
NASA?
Their favorite newspaper reporter?

The fact is, you can call all of the above, but the only organization (besides the news media) that's likely to show much interest is a non-profit, mostly volunteer civilian agency based in Sequin, Texas, called MUFON, short for Mutual UFO Network.

"They're a life-saver," says U.S. Army Maj. Alex Mondragon, a spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"A lot of the stuff people think is a UFO is actually returning space junk. Sometimes it's meteor activity. And there are things we can't explain. But as long as they pose no threat to national security, the government's not going to get involved."

But MUFON always does.
Just days after residents in Fyffe first reported seeing peculiar-shaped objects hovering soundlessly in the sky, an Alabama-based MUFON volunteer traveled to the Sand Mountain community to interview the witnesses.

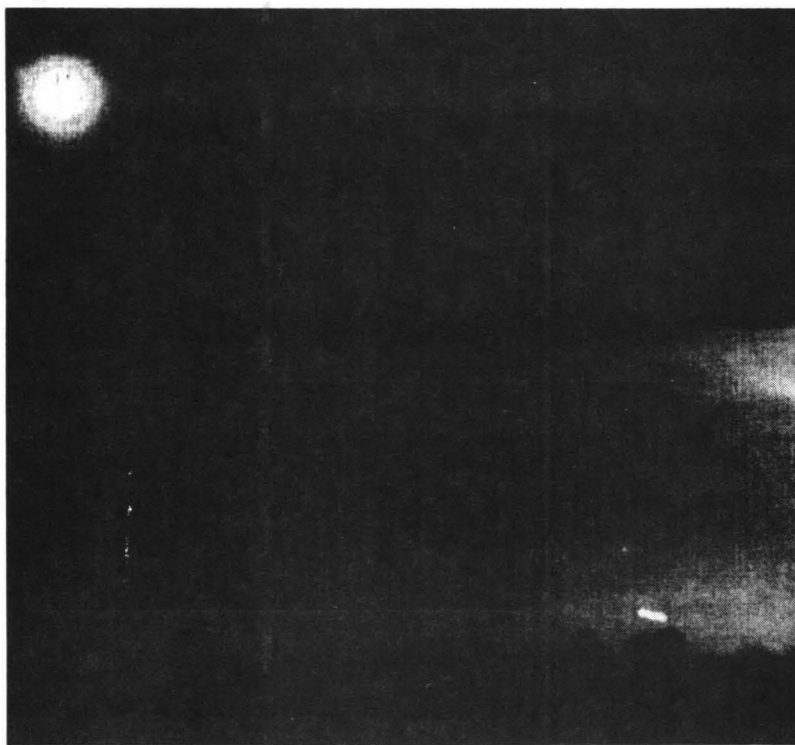
"People have these experiences, and a lot of them say, 'My gosh, when it happens, you don't know who to call,'" says MUFON spokesman Duncan Crow, a lawyer in Montgomery.

"You can't call the police, because there's not really anything they can do about it. They can come out there and make you feel safer, I suppose, and they can write a little report they'll file, but beyond that, there's not anything anybody can do."

MUFON, like a similar organization called the Center for UFO Studies, is made up of people from all walks of life who are interested in the UFO phenomenon and willing to help gather data on UFO incidents that happen near their communities.

In the case of the Fyffe sightings, which began Feb. 10 and still are being reported, calling the police wasn't necessary. The witnesses were the police.

Fyffe Police Chief Junior Garmany and Assistant Chief Fred Works told a MUFON investigator the same thing they told reporters: that about 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 10, while responding to a call from a Sand Mountain homemaker who reported seeing a peculiar flying object, they spotted a brightly lit craft hovering above a dark country road.



A UFO hovers above tree line in the lower right of this photograph taken by Teri Baker, co-owner of the Weekly Post, a

newspaper in Rainsville. The moon is in the upper left. The picture was taken Thursday night near Fyffe.

the witnesses' imaginations.
"A UFO, most people equate that with flying saucers," Crow says.

"We're talking about unidentified flying objects. ... Most, about 90 percent, are explainable."

But some of the sightings in Fyffe, including those of the police officers and the Sand Mountain homemaker who alerted them, can probably be classified as the more mysterious "close encounters," says Jeff Ballard, the MUFON investigator who did the Fyffe interviews.

The homemaker, Donna Saylor, reported seeing a large and extremely bright object hovering above a neighbor's yard the night of Feb. 10.

When Garmany and Works went to investigate, they spotted a silent, brightly lit object that they said was as large as a jetliner. As the object flew over them, the officers said, they saw that it was triangular-shaped, with a white light on the bottom that pointed up toward the craft.

Speculation among Fyffe residents has run the gamut. Mrs. Saylor's thoughts seem to sum things up for the whole town:

"I have two conclusions," she says. "First, it's a UFO from outer space. The other is, it's something the government is testing, and they do it in these little out-of-the-way places where they think nobody but hicks live."

Could the Fyffe incident have been a government test?

"I don't know if it would be told that even if it were true," says Ballard, a Huntsville engineer who has worked with MUFON for more than a year.

"I don't want to engage in talks of cover-up or anything, because I really don't think that's going on."

"As far as it being extraterrestrial, I have no idea. So far, in talking with the people, they didn't see any aliens or anything like that. It was just something in the sky they couldn't explain."

MUFON as an organization believes in the concept of aliens from another planet, though not all MUFON volunteers subscribe to that theory.

Both Ballard and Crow say the stereotypical view that someone who sees a UFO is backward or illiterate is not accurate.

"When I first read these stories (about the Fyffe sightings), I had the initial perception that Donna (Mrs. Saylor) was some kind of backwoods person," Ballard says.

"She's actually a very literate person with a high school education. ... The people we talk to have been quite sincere. They're literate people who've seen something very unusual."

By and large, people who experience close encounters — from those who report close observation of peculiar flying objects to those who claim they were abducted by extraterrestrials — cross all cultural, social and racial boundaries, Crow says.

"People have these experiences, whatever their nature, daily," he says.

"For every report, there are probably nine or 10 other incidents like that in a given area that never come to the surface anywhere because people are afraid to talk about it."

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Abducted by aliens? Amazed by a UFO? This show's for you

By Connie Bramstedt
Staff Writer

As he was walking down James Street in October 1973, he saw an orange blob in the sky with three white lights in the middle.

"It was larger than a star and smaller than the moon," Steve Zalewski said. "What it was, I didn't know. It was not a conventional aircraft."

If you think you've seen something strange in the sky — and you've never had the nerve to admit it — you'll have a chance next week.

Zalewski, who has been studying UFOs for the last 16 years, has invited the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies to Syracuse. The center's exhibit opens Friday at Penn Can Mall.

Hynek, an astronomer who died in 1986, coined the phrase "close encounters of the third kind" to describe confrontations with aliens from other worlds.

Donald Schmitt, co-director of the Chicago-based organization, will speak to anyone who wants to know more about research on UFOs or wants to report strange things they have seen in the sky.

He will tape-record confidential oral reports or provide a form for anyone who wants to write down his or her UFO experience.

HUNDREDS of Syracusans looking for meteor showers on Aug. 12, 1986, saw a mysterious light — "a mist effect with a rooster tail that was spiraling" — but it was later identified. Japanese satellite, NASA said.

Zalewski said he hasn't heard of any really good sightings in Syracuse in more than a decade.

"It's been stagnant," said Zalewski. "It's been incredibly dead. I'm absolutely amazed. Maybe we'll hear about more next week."

Schmitt, the center's director for special investigations, will present a slide show and lecture at 7 p.m. Friday. He has been a technical adviser for the movie "Flight of the Navigator" and an updated version of the television series, "The Invaders: The Next Encounter."

The last sighting here turned out to be nothing special.

When hundreds of stargazers in Syracuse — and others from Michigan to Massachusetts — started calling in reports of a UFO that

August night in 1986, it took only a day to identify it.

EMPLOYEES of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said it was probably a Japanese-launched experimental geodetic satellite — equipped with more than 1,500 reflectors and 120 sets of laser reflectors.

Zalewski said 80 percent of all UFO sightings later can be explained.

But the remaining 20 percent sometimes are among the most strange.

Schmitt will discuss cases in which people believe they have been abducted by aliens and forced to submit to medical examinations.

"There's hundreds of cases that have been reported over the years," Zalewski said. "I'm serious, I'm dead serious. As time goes on these get bolder and bolder — as I call it, weirder and weirder."

Joseph Italiano, an astronomy professor at Onondaga Community College and Le Moyne College, is chairman of the observatory for the Syracuse Astronomical Society. He discounted any reports of abductions.

HE OCCASIONALLY gets calls from people who think they've seen a UFO, but Italiano doesn't believe in them and he said neither do 95 percent of the people in his group.

"I even had one astronomer call and claim he saw something down in Tully Valley," Italiano said. "Many people see jets in the sky, and they're coming directly at you and the way the sun hits them can make it look like a UFO."

Italiano said Hynek probably was the best astronomical authority on UFOs.

"He spent the last few years of his life studying the phenomena," Italiano said. "He gave a lot of talks and he made a lot of money, but he never came up with conclusive evidence."

Zalewski said Hynek, who had studied UFO phenomena since 1947, was scientific consultant to the Air Force's Project Blue Book on UFOs.

Mark Fleischman, an anthropology professor at Syracuse University, said reports of UFO sightings are part of our culture.

"We're all subjected to the whims of nature so it's very unsettling when things you don't understand happen," Fleischman said. "So you try to come up with some sort of explanation. We invent something that has a higher technology than our own and that's how we explain it. We address it from a pseudo-scientific standpoint."

He said the reports of UFOs are a product of a high-tech society.

"YOU WILL not have UFO sightings among native peoples of South America who have never encountered a Westerner," he said. "There is no such thing for them."

For Zalewski, the phenomena are very real.

He began a collection of UFO literature at Onondaga Community College about 15 years ago and has been adding to it ever since.

UFO team cites rise in abduction claims

By DWIGHT SILVERMAN
Special to the Chronicle

SAN ANTONIO — On a clear, starry night, a group of approximately 30 men and women meet in a local aviation maintenance company office to talk about things seen in the sky.

The walls display cutaway drawings of jet engines, a coppery rendering of Jesus' head and a photo of an unidentified flying object.

It's a monthly meeting of the San Antonio chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, a nationwide, 2,100-member organization that investigates and catalogs UFO sightings and incidents.

Chapter President Thomas Deuley, a retired U.S. Navy intelligence officer, told the group that he and MUFON investigators seldom have been as busy.

"It's almost a cliché in the UFO business," he said matter-of-factly, "but something is going on."

Indeed. MUFON, which reaches a sort of institutional maturity with its 20th birthday in May, suddenly finds itself swamped with reports of new and disturbing UFO incidents.

Both the group's resources and political fabric have been stretched to the limit by thousands of people claiming not just that they saw some strange craft in the sky, but that they were abducted and examined by creatures within them.

Each tells remarkably similar stories of being spirited away by small creatures with enlarged heads, grayish skin and huge, slanted, oval eyes. Often their memories of the events must be unlocked through hypnosis.

The supposed victims come away from their ordeals with what amounts to post-traumatic stress syndrome, according to articles published in MUFON's monthly journal. Many have trouble sleeping, insist that all their doors and windows be locked and, when they do sleep, often dream of monsters.

Skeptics say these are emotionally unstable people who are ascribing other problems in their lives to the modern mythology of UFOs. MUFON's members, however, believe the abductions are real and the associated stress causes the emotional instability.

MUFON is based in Seguin, approximately 35 miles east of San Antonio on Interstate 10, the home of president and co-founder Walter Andrus. Andrus says he's not sure of the number of people who have reported celestial abductions to his organization.

"We just have had so many received by all of our state directors that we have not been able to get a precise number," says Andrus, who is a retired production manager at Motorola's Seguin telephone and computer module factory.

But two New York City-based writers who tackled the subject in popular books have received more than 7,500 letters from people who say they are victims.

Those writers are also at the focus of a growing and often acrimonious schism within the UFO community.

Whitley Strieber is the San Antonio-born author of *Communion: A True Story*, in which he says he has been abducted at various times in his life by creatures he calls simply "the visitors."

Budd Hopkins wrote the 1981 book *Missing Time*, which partly inspired Strieber to tell his own story. Hopkins was the man to whom Strieber turned when he first realized what was happening to him (Strieber autographed a copy of *Communion* for Hopkins with the words, "you saved my life"), but the two men since have become antagonists.

For the most part, the relatively conservative and cautious members of MUFON have sided with Hopkins.

Forever concerned about its credibility — Deuley says MUFON struggles to avoid "the Silly Factor" — the group does not seek publicity and is very careful about which members of the press it allows into its circle.

MUFON's membership list has some impressive and well-credentialed names. Its advisory board includes people with doctorates in chemistry, atmospheric sciences, biology, engineering, entomology, physics and religion. Dr. Wayne Webb, for example, is the assistant head of the Charles Hayden Planetarium in Boston and MUFON's consultant on astronomy.

The highly structured organization is broken down into state and local divisions, and has representatives in different regions of the world.

Andrus says MUFON prides itself on its systematic and thoughtful approach to investigating UFO cases.



Kellye B. Sanford illustration / Chronicle

"Before someone becomes a field investigator, they must study our *Field Investigator's Manual*, which is a 160-page book," he says.

Investigators first look for simple explanations of UFO sightings. After witnesses are identified and interviewed — if possible, at the site of the incident — MUFON's representatives contact nearby airports, military bases, weather service operations and police for further information.

Andrus says between 10 and 20 percent of all sightings are determined to be of unknown origin — official UFOs. The rest turn out to be everything from heavenly objects — the planet Venus is a favorite — to standard aircraft or weather balloons.

For years, MUFON investigators happily spent their time looking into relatively mundane sky sightings. But the recent explosion in abduction cases has tested MUFON in many ways.

"We just don't have enough people to investigate all these claims," Andrus complains. "We are just swamped."

The abduction cases tend to follow a specific pattern:

■ Victims usually have stretches of "missing time," long periods for which they cannot account.

One classic case involved two teen-age girls whose car broke down on a deserted highway. After their mother went for help, a UFO appeared over the automobile. The girls locked the doors and dived to the car floor.

The girls then blacked out, awakening side by side on a grassy strip several yards from the vehicle. Approximately an hour had passed.

■ Abductees report a "screen" memory. When trying to recall certain incidents in their lives, they instead see images of animals. Often, those images fill them with a sense of dread.

■ Abductees often exhibit classic symptoms of post-traumatic stress syndrome — recurring nightmares, fear of being left alone, panic attacks. One MUFON investigator — history professor David M. Jacobs of Temple University — has posited the existence of "Post-Abduction Syndrome."

■ Some abductees manifest physical results — scars, burn marks, bruises. Many of the examinations reported are sexual in nature. There are reported cases in which abductees are given CAT scans and what appear to be foreign objects are found in their brains.

Strieber himself says there are three such spots in his head.

The primary investigative tool in such cases is regressive hypnosis, which purports to take subjects back to certain points in their lives in search of greater detail.

However, skeptics say hypnosis can result in suggestibility when not used properly. In other words, if a MUFON investigator using hypnosis believes his subject was snatched away by beings from another planet, that's the scenario the subject will assign to whatever is causing stress in his or her life.

The use of hypnosis plays a key role in the current controversy raging in the UFO community. Strieber maintains that hypnosis should be used only as a therapeutic tool, and not for investigative purposes.

"In my own case, the reason we stopped using hypnosis was because my output was becoming structured according to my own expectations," Strieber said in a telephone interview.

Hopkins, on the other hand, believes it's important to "get to the bottom" of the UFO abduction cases.

"Strieber wanted to end his hypnotic regressions and figure things out by himself," Hopkins said. "He spent his time speculating rather than investigating his own case."

But ironically, it is Strieber's *Communion* that has brought an avalanche of abduction cases to MUFON. The book, first published in 1987, shot to the top of best seller lists. Hundreds of thousands of people who never would dream of buying a book about UFOs purchased and read *Communion*.

Strieber said he could "very easily have become a guru" to the thousands of people who claim experiences similar to his.

"I have avoided that by directing these people into groups that have formed all over the country," Strieber said.

"I have not made myself a leader.

These groups are individual unto themselves. They are easygoing and social in nature, a place where people who have had this experience can talk about it without being bothered by UFO investigators."

Hopkins, a MUFON member, is more or less a "just-the-facts-ma'am" researcher.

He prefers not to wax mystical on the abduction issue and believes the abductors are conducting genetic experiments on humans.

Strieber, on the other hand, has long had an interest in things metaphysical, and in both *Communion* and its recently published sequel, *Transformation*, he speculates on whether his "visitors" were the inspiration for ages-old stories of fairies and spirits.

Perhaps they are part of a parallel universe or dimension, he muses.

Ed Conroy, a San Antonio-based writer and editor, has just finished a book investigating Strieber's claims and the public's response to them. Titled *Report on 'Communion': An Independent Investigation of Whitley Strieber's Visitor Experiences*, it will be published in July by William Morrow & Co.

Conroy believes the traditional UFO community has been shaken to its roots by Strieber's approach and that professional jealousy propels much of the controversy.

"The UFO community has a fascination with nuts and bolts, the technology of it," Conroy said.

"They have been tied to the position that UFOs are not from this earth. The contribution Strieber has made has been to open up this entire field for discussion."

The question of UFO abductions was considered unfavorably in the UFO community. Much of the disdain is historical, stemming from groups such as the turn-of-century Fortean Society, or later hoaxers such as George Adamski, who claimed to have met long-haired beautiful people from Venus.

Although some UFOlogists — as academic researchers in the phenomenon call themselves — believe sightings have occurred since man's earliest history, the "modern wave" of sightings began after World War II, when people worldwide began reporting strange lights, discs, cigar-shaped objects and — occasionally — strange creatures.

Not only were people seeing these objects with their eyes, but they also were capturing them on film. And radar operators often corroborated visual, from-the-ground sightings.

In response, the U.S. Air Force began Project Blue Book, the public facade of what apparently was a much larger investigation of the phenomena.

According to federal documents obtained by MUFON through the Freedom of Information Act, Project Blue Book was actually one of three investigations conducted by the government. The other two were known as Project Sign and Project Grudge.

Project Blue Book was closed in 1969 with the pronouncement that the phenomenon was no longer worth studying. In January 1969, an Air Force-commissioned study of UFOs directed by the University of Colorado under the guidance of Dr. Richard U. Condon came to the same conclusion.

"The Condon Report," as the study's results came to be known, ultimately gave birth to MUFON. Andrus and others were dissatisfied with the report and the government's decision to stop investigating reported sightings. They cited the fact that 19 percent of the UFO cases studied by Condon could not be explained.

"That's a higher percentage than what MUFON comes up with these days," Andrus said.

Most of the early sightings investigated by first the Air Force and then MUFON were just that — sightings, lights and objects seen in the distant sky. It was not until 1966 that the first typical abduction-and-examination story burst onto the scene.

In his book, *The Interrupted Journey*, John Fuller tells the story of

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New Jersey couple Betty and Barney Hill. The two claimed to have been taken aboard a UFO and given a bizarre physical examination.

Under hypnosis, the couple gave a detailed description of their abductors and the procedures performed on them. They also allegedly manifested physical symptoms from the examination.

Both Strieber and Hopkins believe that abductions have been occurring since the beginning of the modern wave of UFO sightings. In fact, they believe that few abductees are ever taken aboard UFOs once, but rather are first "tagged" early in their lives and then experience "follow-up" vis-

itations.

There are even instances, they say, of multiple generations of family members being abducted and examined. In *Communion*, for example, Strieber wrote about experiences his son appears to have had.

But Strieber and Hopkins differ sharply on the *why* of it all.

Strieber rejects Hopkins' theory that these are otherworldly scientists conducting genetic experiments on the human species.

"According to that hypothesis, the visitors came here in the 1940s. Forty years later, they're still performing the same experiments on people," Strieber said. "What's the

matter with them? Are we dealing with morons who travel faster than light?"

Instead, Strieber believes we don't yet know the creatures' motivations or origins.

The popularity of *Communion*, as well as a growing body of photographic and physical evidence regarding UFOs, has created a new peak in the public consciousness.

Andrus is pleased to point out that such mainstream publications as the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* have done major, sober pieces on the abduction phenomenon.

Even the psychological profession is beginning to take note of the

numbers of people coming forward with abduction claims. A symposium of psychologists who have worked with such cases is planned for later this year in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Nearly everyone involved in MU-FON, and most of the abductees themselves, readily agree that the abduction scenario sounds very, very crazy.

But at the same time, they point to the large numbers of people coming forward.

Says Andrus, "Many of these people are prominent and have a lot to lose by having others think they are nuts."

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UFO sighted in Trumbull again; police receive 'numerous' calls

By DAVE PELLAND

If you are one of the many residents unsure about what you saw in the sky last week, then someone wants to compare notes with you.

Douglas Strickland, an engineer with Textron-Lycoming, said he is seeking information from residents of the Daniels Farm Road area who may have spotted some sort of unidentified flying object in the sky last Thursday night.

Strickland said he is seeking help from residents so he can compare notes regarding what people saw, as well as when and where it was spotted.

"It was a little bit confusing. I'd like to talk to other people to see what they saw," Strickland said.

"About 10 p.m., I got off the Rt. 25 ramp onto Daniels Farm Road. I saw a cluster of three concentrated, bright red and white lights. I dismissed it as a helicopter or whatever, but it was a bit too peculiar.

"It travelled slowly parallel to Rt. 25, towards Bridgeport, and then turned along Daniels Farm Road. When I got to Strobel Road I pulled over, and the red and white lights disappeared, and it looked like a blue boomerang—kind of like a giant hanglider with soft blue lights," Strickland said.

Strickland said he grabbed his father "to make sure someone else sees this" and the two men followed the object to the former golf course along Daniels Farm Road. He said the object disappeared, and the men spent more than an hour searching the dark sky in vain.

"I'm not crazy—I called the police, and apparently, I'm not the first one to call in," he said.

The Trumbull Police Department received "numerous" calls reporting a UFO flying low and circling, according to the department's telephone log.

"I'm really interested in pinning this thing down. My father worked in Sikorsky for 15 years, and he can identify a helicopter by the sound. This time I got him," Strickland said.

He said he is discounting the possibility that the lights were placed in the sky as part of a hoax.

"I can't really find a feasible answer. It would have taken a tremendous amount of money and energy to do this. I did some triangulation, and it was between 800 and 1,300 feet above my head. The lights changed color and a blue V formed out of nowhere. I don't know how someone could have pulled this off, or why they would want to.

"I'm not a crackpot, and I'm not the only one who saw this. I want to know what the other people saw," he said.

Strickland said he hopes that someone else who saw the lights contacts him at 732-4988 so he can learn more about possible explanations for what he saw.

"I'm really interested in talking to people and doing additional research. I want to get a better idea about whatever it was, and see if there is any information or parts of the story I missed. This is what I do all day—I solve problems. This one is particularly interesting."

SENTINEL, Gulf Breeze, FL - May ?, 1989 CR: L. Wilson

UFO's Sighted Over Gulf Breeze, Again?

Witness Lynn Soley is a well known Gulf Breeze artist, and her husband is a printer at Pensacola Magazine.

"When we first saw it, it was about 10:00 p.m. Monday," said Mrs. Lynn Soley of Breeze Street in Gulf Breeze, of an unidentified flying object.

"We were in the front yard.

My husband spotted it in the sky and he went in and got his binoculars. We all took turns looking at it. It was flashing red, yellow, green, and blue lights, with a white light. And then, on the upper right hand side and from time to time, it would move down the lower right side and then over to the lower left hand corner of the thing.

"At one point, it turned on its side or something and the white light was in the center with red flashing lights going around it in a circle.

"Then, when we lost sight of it, we rode over to Shoreline Park where we saw three more just like it. Then we saw, in one part of the sky, what looked like a big, bright star. The funny thing was, though, when the four UFO's vanished, so did the big white star. It disappeared too."

Sentinel: How many people saw it, and can you tell us who they were?

Soley: While at Shoreline Park, we ran into a fisherman and a man walking his dog. They were looking at it. We were all sharing the binoculars. And then very shortly, of course, came Gulf Breeze Police and two police officers saw it.

Sentinel: They said they saw it, too?

Soley: Yes, they had our binoculars. We shared binoculars. My

husband is a printer and the thing that amazed him about this one, as well as the one he saw about 13 years ago, he said, was that the colors of the lights were not like the colors we have here. Like the red lights were not any shade of red he had ever seen before. And the same with the blue and the green.

And then my brother-in-law, who we walked out to the car with, has been in radar with the Navy ten years active duty and twenty with the Reserves. He said he didn't recognize it as anything he had ever seen in the Navy, and that the lighting on it was not like any aircraft lighting that he had seen before.

Then Tuesday night, Joe went out to the backyard and saw another one—just like the other four we'd seen on Monday night, but this one didn't stay there very long. It vanished in about 30 minutes.

Sentinel: And where is your house?

Soley: On Breeze Street, off of North Sunset on the other side of the peninsula, behind the Holiday Inn, more or less. And the direction the thing was going in, it must have gone right over our house and we missed it. It was like it was right over our front yard and then starting veering southwest and finally, at Shoreline Park. When they all left at once, they went southwest.

Sentinel: That was Monday night at what time?

Soley: That was Monday night at 10:00 when we first saw it in our front yard. We watched it for about

an hour there, then went to Shoreline Park and it was about 1:00 in the morning when they got so faint and all but one had disappeared and about that time the big white light was gone, too.

Sentinel: How far away would you estimate it was when you saw it?

A: The first time we saw it—it's hard to say because I don't know how big they really are—I would say it was probably over the center part of Gulf Breeze between Shoreline and Fairpoint. It would have been about in that general area when we first saw it.

Sentinel: Any sensation of noise?

Soley: No, no noise at all. It just hovered there and from time to time they'd go up, down, or left to right, but they were moving kind of slow. You figure we watched them for about three hours until they got so tiny you could barely see them anymore, and that's when the big, bright "star" was gone, too.

Sentinel: So, the summary is, you saw it Monday from your home as you were going out to your car, you and your brother?

Soley: Brother-in-law.

Sentinel: What's his name?

A: Charles Higgs. It was him, my sister and his mother—three of them. There were nine of us altogether that saw it. My brother-in-law and my sister live in Little Rock, Arkansas. I don't know the names of the policemen or the guys we saw at the park.

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UFO observers must be weary

Pity the poor Fyffe Police Department, Chief Junior Garmany and his assistant chief, Fred Works. I wonder if they had it to do all over again, if they might not deny ever seeing an unidentified flying object over Fyffe on Feb. 10.

At first, it must have been a real novelty to be the center of attention. Newspapers, radio and TV all wanted just a little piece of their time. Overnight, Fyffe, Alabama, became a hub of UFO activity, and an international phenomenon. Out-of-townners descended on Fyffe like it was the June Jam, and the name Fyffe popped up in newspapers from coast to coast.

But then the phenomenon started to turn a little sour. At least, that's how I'd look at it if I was from Fyffe. The news accounts started to poke fun at the rural police department and the quaint little Sand Mountain town.

The television show "Inside Edition" stooped to the depths of tabloid TV "journalism," fabricating their account of the sightings with an unflattering and deceptive reenactment. Unfortunately, though I guess understandably, Garmany and Works cooperated with the television cameras for the reenactment, not knowing what the final edited version would look like. I'm sure the Inside Edition reporters told both Garmany and Works the same thing they told us when they stopped by for some background information—that they weren't going to poke fun at the sightings, but were here to do a serious report. They lied. For what it's worth, I doubt too many people in DeKalb County, Alabama, will become faithful followers of Inside Edition.

Then there was the Liberace story. Yes, Fyffe and the UFO have made the British tabloids, with a wild story about the deceased entertainer descending from a spaceship to entertain the good folks of Sand Mountain. How they could come up with a story like that is beside me.

Rest assured, though, Fyffe will wind up in our own American tabloids before it's all over. We had calls from the *National Enquirer* as soon as the story hit the wire services. We declined to furnish them a photographer or any other assistance. But that's not likely to stop them. By the time they get the "true story" they'll probably have Elvis and Liberace performing a duo in the skies over Licksillet.

Unidentified flying objects have been the subject of scorn and ridicule for many years. The skeptics have a field day, while the close-encountered search for answers. Everybody has a theory, but I'll bet the believers are pretty evenly numbered with the non-believers.

So what about Works, Garmany and the other residents of Fyffe who saw something in the sky that night? I don't know any of these people personally, but one local law officer told me that he knows Works quite well, and considers him to be a "very level headed person."

I don't doubt it a bit. I'm sure Garmany and the others are, too. I can't conceive of anybody going out of their way to invite the ridicule and ribbing the people of Fyffe have had to put up with. It's just not human nature to heap that kind of abuse on yourself. But human nature says next time they might keep their little secret to themselves. And I can't blame them.

Gary Gengozian, Editor and Publisher





FOREIGN NEWS

TONY CHALLIS looks out for passing UFOs

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● Gary Rowe keeps a careful watch on the night sky.
Picture: Terry Williams.

ONLY nutcases believe in UFOs, right?

Sensible, level-headed people, and those who like to be thought that way, dismiss it as pseudo-science, barely credible as the plot for a money-spinning Spielberg movie.

I could buy that. But if they aren't there, why don't they go away. Why do sightings pour in from all over the world year after year?

American radio hams claim to have heard the space shuttle Discovery telling ground control it was being buzzed by "alien craft" on its last flight. They reported loss of power and control.

Wish

The theory that there is an organised cover-up within the air defence systems of the advanced nations, is fuelled by their steadfast denial of what others have seen, and failure to follow their safety first brief of identify or destroy.

It is normal to gaze at the pale brilliance of the night sky, feel its lonely magnitudes, and wish for the comfort of knowing there were others like us out there somewhere. Hopefully, rather better than us in some respects.

Gary Rowe, of Rhyl, was bitten by this bug 25 years ago; the love of astronomy and a scientific fascination with unexplained phenomena.

This sober-suited cash register salesman, now 46, married with a son at Manchester University, overcame his own secondary modern school education, to become one of Britain's leading experts on the unknown. If it sounds like being at the forefront of ignorance, he is not dismayed. At least he knows there is something to be learned.

This ordinary looking family man in his conventional home, complete with passionate Labrador, told me: "I never see little green men. I'm wary of ridicule. Not so much for my ego but because it impedes the work."

"No-one will contact a crackpot with information, and I value the co-operation of many serious, scientific people out there. I don't want to risk losing it."

"I'm one of a tiny majority of UFO investigators who believe in a logical nuts and bolts explanation for all but a fraction of sightings."

"Hoaxes are surprisingly few. Most of the lights in the sky at night are aeroplanes, reflections off the underside of birds, un-

Believing in the unbelievable

"The evidence of these machines is evident and I accept them, absolutely....." Air Chief Marshall Lord Dowding, former head of Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain.

usual shaped clouds - in particular the scarce lenticular clouds that look like saucers.

"I hate to think how much I've spent on my hobby. But I now have some very sensitive equipment for measuring, photographing, picking up any unusual readings in magnetic fields, electro-static, sound. I've even got a geiger counter."

Gary was called in to investigate the para-normal happenings at Dodleston near Chester, where a former schoolteacher has written a book based on his computer linking him in communication with people who inhabited his cottage four centuries earlier.

Missing

He will not be drawn on his conclusions there, but points out that not all unidentified phenomena have been the flying variety.

Mentioning the lengthening list of missing persons, he tells of the young farmer who went missing on Parys mountain, Anglesey, some years ago. He left his car with the doors open and despite an extensive air and sea search was never seen again.

The mountain was once the site of a huge copper mine. Gary was called in to investigate UFO sightings on the other side of it

at Llanerchymedd. In September 1978 people had reported "landed objects and humanoids," according to Gary's voluminous files, with their detailed sightings forms neatly ordered.

He said: "At that time two children independently drew and described saucer shaped craft, with unusual details of the underside. They were at Pensarn. Both had been terrified."

Common UFO spotters are country policemen, not a breed normally famed for either intellectual agility or their imaginative flights, but certainly in a job where a hint of the fruitcake could damage career prospects.

Gary is convinced we are not alone and that evidence of wrecked alien craft does exist. The mathematical odds on us being the sole tenants of the universe, are overwhelmingly against.

"They say the distances are too vast," said Gary, "but look at the speed of progress. In 1849 it took a covered wagon 166 days to cross America. The Shuttle took eight minutes in 1980. And who is to say our visitor's life spans mirror ours. Here on earth some creatures exist for an hour and others for a 100 years, trees for 2,000 years."

"Our ancestors came from outer space..." Maurice Chatelain, designer of Apollo.

could lead to increases in leukemia, brain tumors and depression, similar to the effects of long-term exposure to high-voltage hydro lines.

He said the risk from brief exposure to the lights is undetermined, and he called for a health study of area residents.

Persinger said he holds out a belief that extraterrestrials may visit Earth, but that sightings here were definitely energy masses somewhat akin to ball lightning.

Chris Rutkowski, a Winnipeg UFO researcher, has some 700 Manitoba sightings on file.

Rutkowski dismisses Persinger's theory and has published several articles criticizing Persinger's methods.

"Why don't these lights appear down there (in Minnesota)?" Rutkowski said.

UFOs 'radon gas'

Professor links 1970s sightings to earthquakes

By John Lyons
Winnipeg Free Press

CARMAN — Unidentified flying objects, like almost everything else, may cause cancer — and that could mean trouble for residents here who experienced a rash of unexplained sightings in the 1970s.

Laurentian University professor Michael Persinger says that what residents saw weren't alien spacecrafts, but intense energy associated with earthquakes.

UFO reports in Carman from 1974 to 1977 are attributable to minor earthquake activity in southern Minnesota, Persinger said in a telephone interview from Sudbury, Ont.

The strong energy and radon gas associated with the intense lights often mistaken for UFOs may cause cancer in people who are exposed to them, he said.

"There's no reason to panic people at this point," Persinger said, adding further studies should be done to determine the effects of the bright lights that flashed here in the evening skies.

Bob Diemert, for one, is certainly not panicked by Persinger's theory.

The Carman aircraft restorer claims to have seen UFOs more than 100 times in a four-month period in 1975.

Several times, Diemert claimed, he was close enough to see the gridwork on the ship, which residents dubbed Charlie Red Star.

Charlie, he said, was not electrical energy, but solid matter.

"These guys are always great at making hypotheses when they've never seen one," he said.

The saucers stayed here, Diemert said, because it is close to the United States border and has a radio tower to mark the location.

The ships would fly into North Dakota every night, he said, adamant in his belief the UFOs examined U.S. missile bases. Canada was simply a safe refuge where the U.S. air force would not chase them, he said.

Came from U.S.

"They came in from the U.S. every night at 10 p.m. You could almost set your watch by them."

Unlike Diemert, Valley Leader publisher Howard Bennett doesn't have an explanation for the lights he saw on two separate occasions.

"I've tried to justify it, but I don't know what it was, I have no idea. But I can't understand this guy trying to put it down to faults," Bennett said.

Hundreds of people reported seeing Charlie Red Star. When sightings were at their peak, people would line the roadsides to catch a glimpse of the objects.

Persinger maintains, however, that the lights were electric charges created from subterranean strain.

Sightings peaked two months before seismic activity 500 kilometres away in July 1975, he wrote in a published article.

The electromagnetic fields created by underground strain, he said,

'I'm from another planet'

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Greek migrant Tim Tutungis claims he came to earth in a spacecraft and didn't have a cent when he landed — now he's a multi-millionaire

ECCENTRIC millionaire Eftimos (Tim) Tutungis calmly says he comes from another time and another galaxy.

Tim, 46, directs operations from a penthouse in his office block at Northbridge, Perth's nightlife centre and stronghold of ethnic communities.

Everything about him, from the enormous black limousine to the rooftop swimming pool, has the air of a man who has made it.

His office has a 9m horseshoe-shaped marble board table, two 3m brass rockets pointing skyward and bronze replicas of ancient Greek and Trojan helmets.

Mounted on a wall is the statement of his goal: "Create a new company every six months."

Born in a village in a remote part of Macedonia, raised in communist Romania, he was a penniless 13-year-old when he arrived in Australia.

At 18, he took over his employer's business and within two years had one of the largest dry-cleaning operations in Perth. Before he turned 30, he was a millionaire.

How many millions now?
He needs more than just fingers and toes for the tally.

As the executive chairman and managing director of Montreal Holdings, he controls a string of companies involved in pest control, insurance, wool export, finance, and gold mining.

He even has a riding school named after his hero, Alexander the Great, and plans his own ethnic newspaper.

One key to Tim's success is his unshaken belief that "whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe... it can achieve."

And his mind has conceived some extraordinary things! Like his near-completed dream of a slice of

Ancient Greece on a 10ha property in Perth's Darling Ranges. With a scaled version of the Acropolis, a Grecian soccer stadium, stables, a trotting track and golf course, it will add another dimension to the concept of a gentleman's country residence.

"I do well regardless of economic conditions," Tim told POST. "I just know what to do because I've done it all before."

He explains that he is not from this world, but from the planet Arakus, 3000 years in the future.

"A spacecraft I was on was doing a few 'wheelies'. There was an accident, I died and my soul landed on earth... in this earthling's body."

"People can accept it or not," he says. "It's the truth. That's what happened."

Tim explained he had always known these facts, but it was not until the death of his son that he began to give more thought to his "universal side".

"My son was my father in my past life," he said. "When he came, I tried to teach him how to survive on this very primitive place. Where we came from we used our minds, not our hands, and you can imagine what the technology was like!"

Tim said that he had memory of many past and future events, and that was why he had often claimed that no life would be found on planets of our solar system.

Masks and pyramids would be found on Mars, he explained. There had been life there, and on other planets, but it had been destroyed in an inter-galactic war.

The survivors had landed here between 10,000 and 7000 years ago and mixed with earth people.

"There is enough proof around," he said. "People just don't want to accept it. Even the Greek myths, the statues of their gods and their fantastic monuments are enough

evidence."

Tim said he did not know why he was sent here; perhaps to learn something because of what he might have done in a past life.

He suggested there would never be peace on earth because there was a mixture of souls of different ages and people would never understand one another because of this.

"This does not happen anywhere else in the universe. Maybe this is Hell?"

"At the moment, I am learning what I have to learn here and trying to do the right thing as a normal earthling would. But I'm waiting for something to come up for me — my next assignment," Tim told POST.

He said there was no question that continuous reincarnation was the universal way. "It is the way we are purified," he said. "We go up and down as we make mistakes until we reach the place from where we began."

"That we die and just go to Heaven or Hell is nonsense. There is too much proof around to show that we return. For instance, how could I have been so successful? Even at 18, I just could not make a mistake. Where else did I get all that knowledge from?"

Tim will impart some of this knowledge in a book he is writing entitled "How To Make \$1 Million In Six Years". He intends to give a money-back guarantee to people not satisfied.

The book is bound to be full of Tim's sayings, such as... "a winner never quits, and a quitter never wins" or "if it can be imagined, it can be done" or "life's battles do not always go to the stronger or faster person, sooner or later the person who wins is the person who believes he can win".

'I just know what to do because I've done it all before,' says Tim, who claims he's from the planet Arakus, 3000 years into the future.

Secrets from outer space

A BRICKLAYER had the shock of his life while cycling to work at Broadlands, Lord Mountbatten's home, in 1955.

He saw a flying saucer land and "a column, about the thickness of a man, descend from it".

Then a ray of light came from the portholes of the flying saucer. The bricklayer fell with his bicycle on top of him, and felt as though an unknown force was holding him down.

He got up, dazed and shaken, as the saucer took off.

In a written statement, Lord Mountbatten said he was sure his bricklayer was completely convinced of the truth of what he said.

The former Supreme

Above Top Secret by Timothy Good (Grafton, £5.99).

Allied Commander never rejected the possibility that such objects existed and in a private letter to a Fleet Street editor, suggested that the UFOs were themselves the inhabitants of other planets, rather than the actual machines.

He thought a team of investigative journalists should try to find out more!

This is the sort of story (and the book is full of them) that makes Timothy Good's "Above Top Secret" compulsive reading.

The weight of evidence for the existence of UFOs builds up as Mr Good produces what tradesmen would call "unsolicited

testimonials".

Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, Commander-in-Chief of RAF Fighter Command during the battle of Britain in 1940, had this to say on the subject of UFOs. "They have been

tracked on radar screens and I am convinced that these objects do exist and that they are not manufactured by any nation on earth."

"I can therefore see no alternative to accepting the theory that they come from some extraterrestrial source."

At Stanmore, Middlesex, on April 26, 1984, a team of policemen alerted by a woman living in Belmont Lane,

went to the house and watched an object for about two hours.

One policeman, Richard Millthorpe, drew a sketch of it — circular in the middle with a dome on top and below.

"The dome on top had blue and white flashing lights while the dome underneath was blue, green, white and pink."

Chief Supt Ronald Poole, of Harrow, said he was quite satisfied with the validity of the report filed by Pc Millthorpe and Pc Paul Isles. "They are two normal sensible people who are confident they saw a UFO."

Hertfordshire had its own UFO on August 1, 1963. A stationary object of a translucent or glass-like appearance, was seen by hundreds of peo-

ple. A plane from the de Havilland Aircraft Company went up to investigate but was unable to get near because of the object's great altitude.

Vice Admiral M. M. Krylor, Chief of Communications in the Soviet Navy, announced in 1978: "The UFO problem exists and it is extremely serious. Thousands of people have seen UFOs and up till now it is still not clear what they are. It is entirely possible that concealed behind this question, there lies the problem of communication with extra-terrestrial civilizations."

Top-level investigators have concluded that the crews of flying saucers (seen and described by many) "possess the ability to disappear and reappear at will and not being subject to the physical laws of our planet, seem to be deliberately constructed in order to confound all our notions of space, matter, time and dimensions."

So what, if they do exist? What are the UFOs up to? Why don't they 'come out' and hold a Press conference in Hyde Park?

Not such a silly idea as it sounds, because if some of the wisest and highly scientific people on our planet believe in them, that question must be asked.

Timothy Good believes that the public are being wilfully kept in the dark by the world's rulers, who know more than they dare tell. And that is not just an expression of opinion. Official documents marked "Top Secret", some heavily censored, all point to a conspiracy of silence.

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CR: T. Good

Seen any UFOs lately?

A UFO investigator is seeking information from Ballarat people who may have seen unidentified flying objects in recent years.

Paul Newman, a member of the International Committee for UFO Research, who was in Ballarat yesterday, said people should not be embarrassed about reporting a UFO sighting.

Mr Newman has been involved in the recent case when the Knowles family, travelling along the Nullarbor Plains, had

its car "lifted" off the ground by an unknown force.

He said dust samples from the car, which he took to the Phillips Institute, in America, contained potassium, carbon and silicon.

"Ballarat has not been without its UFO sightings. In April, 1973, there were sightings of erratically moving lights over the area," Mr Newman said.

He said numerous UFO sightings had been reported over South America.

"UFOs seem to be attracted to the iso-

lation and large amounts of water of parts of South America."

Eighty five per cent of reports are cases of mistaken identity, like aircrafts, space junk and meteorites.

Only one in five cases are worthy of follow-ups, and five per cent of these are hoaxes. He said the best reports came from airline pilots.

Involved in UFO research for the past 36 years, Mr Newman had no real opinion of unidentified flying objects until an experience while working as a superintendent at

a hydro-electric power station in America.

"I saw a UFO while working there, and have seen two since then, both in northern Victoria."

He said there was a lot of activity in the sky over Australia.

"There have been many reports about cigar-shaped objects as big as a house, with bright lights, over Melbourne and Canberra suburbs and west of Horsham."

"These (UFOs) hover over farm dams, when water levels drop."

CR: P. Norman

TONY DODD had been a tough, no-nonsense North Country copper for 25 years. But one black, moonless night he filed the strangest report of his career...

"Alien spacecraft hovering above the Skipton road. Eerie silence. Strange lights from portholes."

It was a night which changed Tony Dodd's life—the time when he realised that beings from another world are regular visitors to Earth.

"Call me crackers if you like," says Tony, with true Yorkshire bluntness, "but they are out there all right."

"There's no doubt about it."

During his quarter century of keeping watch over the good folk of North Yorkshire, Tony gained a reputation as a dedicated and sensible member of the community.

A plaque on the wall of his home in Grassington states: *"His conduct was exemplary."*

And before that fateful, frosty night in January, 1978, Tony gave as much credence to the existence of UFOs as he did to that of Santa Claus.

Glowing

But now he claims to have seen at least 60 flying saucers.

That first sighting came at 3.30 a.m. on the remote moors at Cononley, near Skipton, as Tony was driving with his colleague, Pc Alan Dale.

He says: "Suddenly, there it was—a spectacular, shimmering, flying saucer hovering 100ft over the road."

"It was staggering," says Tony.

"An actual spacecraft. A

By GORDON WILKINSON

magnificent saucer about 100ft across and glowing with an incandescent light.

"All around it were coloured lights, looking as if they were shining from portholes."

"But it made no noise. There was just an eerie silence, and then it sped away."

"We were flabbergasted. But it was a real spacecraft, all right."

"I was three years in the RAF before joining the police force—I know how to recognise conventional aircraft."

It was that close encounter that made Tony Dodd start to probe the UFO phenomenon.

Since his retirement from

the police last November, Tony has become Director of Investigations for the Yorkshire UFO Society.

"The part of the Yorkshire Dales where I live is a well-known spot for sightings," he says.

Patience

"The area around Carleton Moor has been visited by aliens many times."

"There are other hot spots around the country—such as Warminster, near Salisbury Plain."

"The UFOs are there to be seen if people take the time and patience to search for them."

"There are about a

thousand sighted in Britain every year.

"I've seen UFOs at least 60 times. One one occasion I actually flashed my car lights at a space craft and it signalled back to me."

"The aliens obviously have some reason for keeping to remote areas."

"Maybe they don't want to panic people—90 per cent of sightings are in rural areas."

"The aliens, obviously, are of a highly advanced intelligence and could make themselves known to us whenever they like."

As Director of Investigations for the UFO Society, Tony is compiling a computer record of all spacecraft sightings in the UK.

The 300-member York-

shire Society has people all across the country.

As soon as a UFO is spotted, Tony sends one of his regional investigators to the scene.

Observers use high-powered telescopes, cameras and geiger counters.

Evidence

Suspected flying saucer landing sites can emit radiation, left by the crafts' power supplies.

Tony says: "We are the Yorkshire Society, but our members are all over the country."

"We are determined to compile so much evidence on UFOs that the Government will finally acknowledge the aliens are here."

"Governments around the world have known about the aliens for many years—but for their own reasons they refuse to let us know the truth."

"When I was on the force, I daren't speak out too much for fear of being branded a crank. But now I can come forward."

"What I want now is feedback from the public. Those who have had close encounters can contact me on the UFO hotline (0756 752216). All calls will be dealt with in confidence."

"Many policemen, and others who are out and about at night, have seen UFOs. But they are frightened of being ridiculed if they report them."

"There will be many more people in the air industry and scientific community with evidence."

"It's high time they came forward and the truth about the aliens was finally acknowledged."

"Newspapers and TV stations have plagued me for years for interviews."

"But I know the Daily Star has always taken an interest in the UFO phenomenon and it is fitting that the paper should tell my story."

HYPNOTIC CLUE TO SPACE KIDNAPPERS

UFO watcher Tony Dodd claims spacemen kidnap Britons from their beds and beam them up to their flying saucers.

Once on board the spacecraft the humans are medically examined by the aliens.

Ex-cop Tony says the aliens blank out the memories of the people they have examined before setting them free.

But details of the encounters can still be unlocked under hypnosis.

People who experience the sensation of having lost part of their day may have been abducted by aliens, says Tony.

He claims a 41-year-old housewife from Colne, Lancs, was snatched from bed while her husband slept next to her.

Under hypnosis she

recalled a three-hour ordeal at the hands of three silver-suited spacemen who examined her on an operating table in their craft.

Two friends from Keighley, Yorks, also experienced a 45-minute memory loss during a car journey together across local moors.

Ordeal

Under hypnosis they remembered being beamed up to an alien craft.

A 32-year-old Halifax woman is claimed to have been beamed up to a spacecraft in a ball of brilliant light. The terror of her ordeal was later unlocked by hypnosis.

On some occasions the examination of humans are carried out by robots under the aliens' command, say the UFO experts.



THE FORCE... ex-copper Tony

Storm in a coffee cup in 'UFO' scare

A Newmarket travel agent has told how a VIP flight turned into a close encounter with a "UFO".

Brian Challis, manager of Hogg Robinson Travel in Newmarket High Street, was one of 140 passengers who were some 30,000 feet up when they saw the sky in the distance mysteriously light up.

Minutes later the British Island Airways MD 83 plane on its maiden flight from Malta to Gatwick plunged twice, throwing the guests forward and soaking them with the after-dinner coffee that had just been served.

No-one has yet positively identified the cause of the spectacular light show, but airline officials insist that the

mystery glow and the following drop were not linked.

"We saw some bright lights in the sky then we experienced some turbulence. It has been blown out of all proportion," said a British Island Airways spokesman.

Mr Challis, who lives in Isleham, has scoffed at national newspaper reports that passengers were "terrified and panicked" by the incidents.

"I couldn't see anyone panicking. People were surprised, and some were covered in coffee, but I certainly wouldn't say there was a panic."

Spectacular

At first, the flight captain thought that the bright lights were those of another plane and told passengers to look out of the windows as they crossed Sardinia.

"I was on the other side of the plane so I didn't bother to look," recalled Mr Challis. "Then I could see that the sky was very brightly lit up in the distance. It was like a cloud swirl with lights in—it was very spectacular."

"The Captain then came on and said he had been listening to air traffic control



No panic... Brian Challis.

and had picked up something about a misfired missile, and it might have been that!

"He assured us that the lights were 250-300 miles away at the very minimum. There was never any question of the aircraft being in danger."

"I would imagine that the lights we saw were something to do with the sun and the fact that we experienced the plunge soon afterwards was all a coincidence," said Mr Challis.

Aliens are Tony's life

The Sun TV guide

A mid-air mystery

UFOs — now there's a topic to tickle the imagination.

Galactic tales of flying saucers inhabited by little green critters have been the source of both intrigue and ridicule.

Believers argue it's ludicrous to suggest earthlings are the only life form in the universe to have discovered the art of space travel.

But cynics claim UFO sightings seem to be made by hillbillies in the middle of nowhere as opposed to university professors on the campus of Cambridge.

Whatever your view, there is the mysterious matter of the 1978 disappearance of light air-



● Frederick Valentich, craft pilot Frederick Valentich over Bass Strait.

His mid-air claims that a UFO had harassed him prompted such headlines as "Kidnapped by alien beings".

More than a decade

later, there is no trace of Valentich or his plane.

This puzzling story is recreated in a fascinating documentary called *Something Shining* on SBS tonight at 7.30 pm.

What started as a seemingly simple joy-flight from Moorabbin to King Island turned into a baffling case about which everyone is quick to theorise.

The fact the Transport Department refused to release the tape of Valentich's frantic last radio messages adds to the drama.

But it has been revealed he said of the alleged hovering UFO: "It seems to me he is playing some sort of game."

"He is flying over me, two or three times, at speeds I couldn't identify."

"What I'm doing right now is orbiting and the thing is just orbiting on top of me ... it's just vanished."

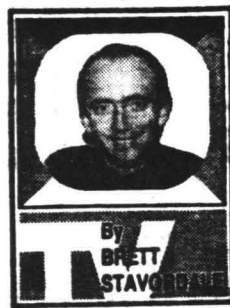
Interviews with air officials and Valentich's family don't shed light on what happened on the night of October 21, 1978.

"I don't know what he saw, but whatever he said he saw, he saw," one said.

Is Valentich's disappearance a con job or did aliens kidnap him?

ABC newsreader James Dibble sums up the special:

"I wonder if he had been taken by a UFO and



had come back — would anyone believe him?"

CR: P. Norman

Caves 'UFO passage'

NZPA Nelson

A Dunedin scientist says he believes unidentified flying objects may be responsible for an unusual series of tubular caves discovered near Nelson.

Dr Jan Pajak has appealed for information about the caves, which he said could help in his quest to build a magnetically propelled spacecraft called a "magnocraft."

Other civilisations had already developed such magnocrafts, he said, and these had given rise to UFO sightings when used on Earth.

"When the magnocraft is finally built on Earth it will display a number of unusual capabilities. For example, it will be able to fly

not only in free air, space and water, but also underground where it will produce [evaporate] long, glassy and technological-looking tunnels," Dr Pajak said.

"UFOs are able to fly through solid matter. During such flights they evaporate a unique type of glassy tunnel, identical to the tunnels I am inquiring about."

A Nelson Speleological Group spokesman, Mr Arthur Freeman, said cavers had been investigating a series of caves which fitted Dr Pajak's description.

Mr Freeman said the tubular caves in the Ellis Karste field at Mt Arthur had smooth but not glassy walls.

The phreatic tubes known as the Tomo Thyme Caves were formed by water pressure under the water table, he said.

The caves were apparently first discovered 15 years ago but Nelson climbers began to reinvestigate them 18 months ago.

Dr Pajak has been collecting information on UFOs for some years and has been looking for evidence of tubular tunnels since his arrival in New Zealand in 1982.

"The purpose of collecting this evidence is to complete our magnocraft faster and easier than it would take without having a ready operation model to copy from," he said.

When UFOs landed on Earth, the propelling

devices acted like huge microwave ovens which magnetically scorched and sterilised the ground.

"Such sterilised soil provides ideal mushroom-growth conditions."

"The former UFO landing sites are subsequently populated by mushrooms that form a unique type of ring called fairy rings in New Zealand."

Dr Pajak said he was the only scientist in New Zealand doing formal research on UFOs.

"I am the only scientist who has accumulated overwhelming evidence that indicates the continuous use of these vehicles on Earth, and who is not afraid to admit openly that these vehicles do exist."

[Additional information on the Magnocraft theories may be obtained from: Dr. Jan Pajak, 654 George Street, Dunedin, New Zealand.]

Peace talks with aliens - claims book

EARTHWATCHERS from outer space are no strangers to the governments of this world and Reagan and Gorbachev have jointly discussed defences against possible invaders.

That's the claim of Timothy Good, who, in a new paperback, says that the aliens are becoming even more regular visitors.

Southend, in particular, seems to be used as a cosmic crossroads when the mysterious spacelings do their tourist bit over London.

"There have already been 70 spacecraft sightings in this area this year compared to 20 at the same time last year," says Timothy.

But have no fear. According to Timothy, and to all the people he says have met them, the aliens are peacefully inclined.

Cover-up

His book pushes the theory that there has long been a world-wide cover-up of the frequency and intentions of the out-of-this-world visitors.

As a result UFO-spotters are left with the feeling that they have an over-active imagination or bad eyesight. But could South East Essex be on the brink of a close encounter?

For someone with his mind so high in the skies, Timothy appears an unusually down-to-earth person who talks with genuine seriousness on a subject which has fascinated him for more than 20 years.

For him, one of the most important examples cited in the book took place over Southend on October 14, 1954.

Flight Lieutenant James Salandin of 604 County of Middlesex Squad-

ron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force, took off on a routine flight in a Meteor jet from his base at RAF North Weald, Essex, on a clear mid-afternoon.

"When I was at about 16,000 feet I saw a whole lot of contrails — possibly at 30-40,000 feet — over the tip of Kent," he says.

"Through the middle of the trails I saw three objects which I thought were aeroplanes but they weren't leaving any trails."

"They came down through the middle of that towards Southend and then headed towards me."

"When they got to within a certain distance two of them went off to my port side — one gold, one silver — and the third object came straight towards me and closed to within a few hundred yards."

"It almost filled the windscreen, then it went off towards my port side. I tried to turn round to follow but it had gone."

"It was saucer-shaped with a bun on top and a bun underneath, and silvery and metallic. There were no portholes, flames or anything."

"I haven't found a satisfactory explanation for what I saw but I know what I saw."

James, now 62 and working for the Friends of St Paul's Cathedral Enterprises, says he has never been so frightened in his life.

He can still remember the objects clearly and was in radio contact with air traffic control all the

time but there was not enough time to activate the plane's camera.

After he landed back at base he was debriefed by an intelligence officer and told not to mention what had happened to anyone. "It should never have got out but eventually did," he says.

Always reluctant

"I have always been reluctant to give interviews but I believe what I saw and I have never seen anything else like it."

Timothy, a 46-year-old professional musician when not living and breathing UFOs, is convinced that James' account is sincere and one of the most important RAF reports to come to light.

He lives in Beckenham, Kent, and always tries to carry a camera and video equipment with him wherever he goes.

Many of the UFOs seen this year have been a triangular or boomerang shape. The same shaped objects have also been seen in Russia this year.

Mysterious objects seen flying above Southend have been dismissed as test flights from British bases by the new American triangular-shaped Stealth bomber aeroplane.

Cattle mutilations with significant evidence:

LITTLE RIVER NEWS, Ashdown, AR - April 20, 1989

New clue shows high speed, high heat cutting device

A clue to cattle mutilations may have been discovered in a Hempstead County incident where five pregnant cows were found dead and three of the cows had been partially mutilated.

At least two of the cows were mutilated in a surgical procedure possibly by an instrument utilizing high temperature heat as a cutting source and dissection was performed with a fine probe or cutting instrument, indicates an Englewood, Colo., hematologist. The report was received by the newspaper April 15.

The hematologist assisted in researching sample cuts along the section of two of the three cows found mutilated in Hempstead County March 10 in an isolated pasture southwest of Hope.

Previously, investigations by the Arkansas State Police and other sheriff's departments in the state in addition to mutilation cases nationwide, indicated the cuts were performed by unknown sources; or in some incidences the conclusions were buzzards, beetles, maggots or ants.

Dr. John Altshuler, the hematologist and a pathologist, released his analysis of the tissue samples along the mutilated area of one cow in the abdominal region and a tissue sample along the eye of another cow which had been mutilated.

The analysis of the edge of the mutilated cuts under a microscope shows spaces in the cells called vacuolar changes which result from tissue cooking or exposed to high temperatures, probably above 300 degrees F.

The cattle mutilations near Hope directly contrast the victims of a cult's human sacrifice near Matamoros, Mexico, where national news reports detailed the blood spattered walls where corpses had been mutilated with blunt weapons.

The cattle mutilations were basically clean. No evidence of blood was found other than small traces around the mouths of two of the cows.

The white hair on the cow with the largest mutilated area was still clean despite the mutilated cut being 22 inches across the abdominal cavity and 18 inches in length down to the rectal area. The cut was also about 1 1/2 inches to 1 3/4 inches deep. The body parts, flesh and hide were all removed from the area and has never been located.

No traces of blood existed on the ground next to the cow.

The Little River News assisted in photographing the scene where the five cows were found after Sgt. David Daniel of the Arkansas State Police contacted the newspaper office March 10 about 3:30 p.m. to ask if the newspaper could take photographs.

The cows had been discovered by the owner, L. C. Wyatt, 64, of Hope when he was checking on his herd of 25 cattle early Friday morning (March 10). He had last checked on the cattle March 8 and they were unharmed.

Daniel had been alerted about cattle mutilations after reviewing a television documentary titled "A Strange Harvest" produced by Linda Moulton Howe of Littleton, Colo.

Howe had contacted the Little River News in the spring of 1988 after reviewing the news stories about the "sky activity" in the winter and spring of 1988. She had suggested the



FOUR OF THE FIVE cows owned by L. C. Wyatt of Hope were found dead laying in a row. The fourth cow is located in the background of the photo. Three of the cows had been mutilated. The incident was discovered March 10. The possible nights the incidences occurred were clear thus eliminating the possibility of lightning causing the deaths.

newspaper to be alert concerning mutilations and to contact her if an animal mutilation occurred similar to the incidences recorded in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and Canada.

Daniel had been given a copy of the documentary from the newspaper and was aware of the potential for a mutilation in the region. After Daniel contacted the newspaper, Howe was located in Colorado and then Dr. Altshuler was contacted.

Dr. Altshuler studied the mutilation of a horse named Lady in the San Luis Valley, Colo., 20 years ago where the incisions were made without bleeding. He had volunteered to help Howe in the research for her book, *An Alien Harvest*. Dr. Altshuler indicated 20 years ago the microscopic capabilities were limited.

However, with improved microscopes the research on the Hempstead County mutilations could be a "break-through," indicated both Dr. Altshuler and Howe. This is the first known analysis of a mutilated cut on livestock.

Associate Editor Juanita Stripling arrived at the location along with her daughter, Tracy Stripling, Bob Taaffe and Joe Rice, both of Foreman. Daniel along with Hempstead County Criminal Investigating Officer Curtis Haines and Deputy Frank Quillin investigated the scene.

Wyatt, the owner of the cattle, found the cows when he went to feed the livestock the morning of March 10. The property where the animals were grazing is located on an abandoned family homestead accessible only from an old logging road. The road is generally used by Wyatt and his brother, Robert Wyatt, to tend their herd of 25 cattle. The property is restricted by a locked gate.

One cow was located on the right side of the road. This cow had dropped a stillborn calf which was in the embryo sac. The cow had the 18x22-inch cut. A large portion of the stomach and udder was removed. The cuts were circular

with no burn marks visible to the eye.

There was no blood on the ground nor on the animal. There was no sign of a struggle. No footprint. No vehicle tracks. No body fluids had drained out.

There was also no body fluids, blood or water where the stillborn calf was located in the embryo sac.

Dr. Mike Beard, an Ashdown veterinarian, indicated a cow weighing 1,000 pounds will contain enough blood to equal about seven percent of the body weight. This would be between eight and 10 gallons of blood each, based on the information provided by the textbook, *Anatomy and Physiology Reference* written by R. D. Frandson.

With three cows mutilated, blood should have been on the ground since the total amount of blood in the three cows would be estimated at 30 gallons.

All the cows were found on their sides with their legs straight out except for one cow. This cow was found with its legs drawn up "as if it had been running and was zapped or freeze framed on a video camera," said Editor Jim Williamson who took color photographs of the cattle March 11. On March 11 the animals had been moved to a wooded area by Wyatt and his brother.

After Stripling finished photographing the animals, the group searching the area left the scene. Sometime after the first group left the scene, veterinarian Dr. James Powell and Hempstead County Sheriff Don Worthey went to the mutilation site. Using spotlights and flashlight, Dr. Powell cut open some of the cows and took stomach and organ samples.

Dr. Powell declined to release the samples as requested by Wyatt for independent pathological analysis unless Worthey would authorize it. Worthey told Stripling he was satisfied with Dr. Powell's diagnosis and the only way he would let the tissue samples be

released was to send it to the state agricultural labs and the owner pay the fees required for a pathological analysis.

The Hope Star reported March 13 the animals died from natural causes based on the belief of the sheriff and the veterinarian.

"Stories that have circulated throughout the county of mutilations and other signs of unusual circumstances surrounding the incident are without basis, Worthey insisted," reported the Hope Star.

Powell declined to return telephone calls from the Little River News.

Wyatt was told the deaths of the cows could possibly be from "something in the hay poisoned them."

Wyatt said he was doubtful the hay caused the deaths since he had been feeding the entire herd off the hay for a month.

"The rest of my herd was fed from the same hay and they are fine. The man I get my hay from has a larger herd than mine and none of his cows have died. I've heard no reports of the rest of the other man's herd being sick or dying," Wyatt said the morning of March 11 while he watched the newspaper photographer take photographs.

Wyatt also said he was unable to recognize any of the cuts on the cattle as a predator such as buzzards, wild dogs, wolves or coyotes.

Dr. Altshuler instructed Williamson by telephone late in the evening of March 10 on how to cut with a straight razor the hide of the cow. He requested the cut to be rectangle to include the mutilator's cut in one corner with normal cow tissue in the rest of the sample.

Stripling assisted Williamson in making the cuts while Wyatt and his brother served as witnesses. The two samples were placed in a plastic container mixed with alcohol and water until transferred to Dr. Beard, shortly before 1 p.m. March 11. Dr. Beard then placed the tissue samples in 10 percent formaldehyde solution. The samples were then sent by Federal Express to Howe and Dr. Altshuler.

The microscope used by Dr. Altshuler was a Reichart Microstar IV.

Dr. Altshuler's report said, "Taking all the microscopic findings into account, one would have to conclude that the surgical procedures performed on these animals took place quickly, probably in a minute or two, and utilized high temperature heat (e.g., laser) as a cutting source applied in a fine probe or cutting instrument."

While the doctor suggested a laser, he doubts the current technology would allow the use of a laser in an isolated area.

The Little River News contacted Questek Inc. of Billerica, Ma., described in the Thomas Register of American Manufacturers in their advertisement as the largest U.S. manufacturer of Excimer Lasers. The company is represented outside the U.S. by Spectra-Physics, the world's largest laser company.

A sales engineer said a laser required to make the type cuts described on the cows would weigh 550 pounds and would be the size of an average office desk. The length of the laser would be three feet.

With the existing known laser equipment, surgery covering that large of an area on just one cow would take about

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an hour in a hospital facility, the spokesman said.

He also said the equipment is expensive with an average cost of about \$20,000. This does not include electrical generators required. The electrical wiring would require a minimum of 220 volts and probably require specialized wiring.

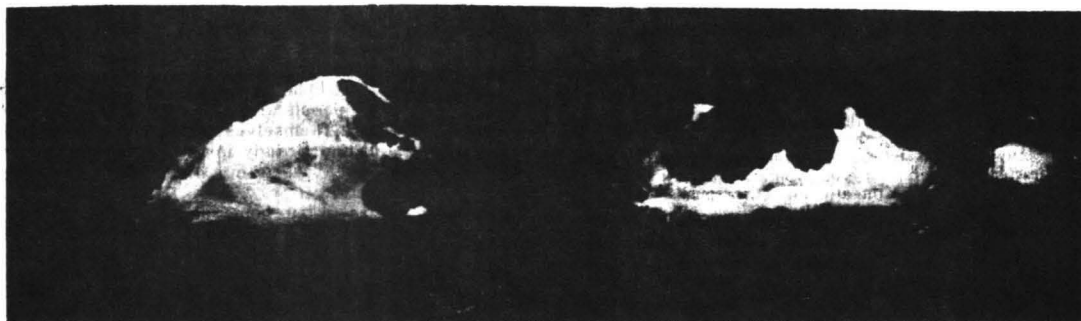
Safety factors would also be required to protect the eyes from the heat in addition to a cooling system.

In addition to the cow with the largest cut, three of the cows had cuts in the rectal area. The rectal areas "were distended and it seemed as if they had been bored around in approximately a 1/4-inch deep smooth circle," Stripling said.

The eye of another cow was removed in a cut which extended an estimated two inches deep into the skull. In all of the cuts no fluids were present. In the eye socket the tissue was clean and absent of fluids.

Dr. Altshuler said to Howe in a transcript of comments, "How can you envision cautery cooking it and not having a tell-tale evidence of it, no blood cells left in the tissue? Can you imagine that? I can't."

Editor's Note: The report is compiled from eyewitness accounts from the newspaper staff, telephone interviews with a laser company and research reports from Dr. John Altshuler and Linda Moulton Howe.



Two cows were found dead laying down facing in opposite directions. There were no signs of a struggle, no footprints, no vehicle tracks, no blood and no body fluids on the ground.



One cow was found in a "frozen" position as if it had died while running in the pasture owned by L.C. Wyatt located southwest of Hope.

Transcript of a mutilation study



A COW OWNED by L. C. Wyatt of Hope was mutilated with a "surgical type" cut measuring 22 inches in width and 18 inches in length. The depth of the cut was about 1 1/2 inches to 1 3/4 inches. The cow was pregnant and the stillborn

Editor's Note: The following is a transcript of comments by Dr. John Altshuler, M.D., Hematology and Pathology, to Linda Moulton Howe, who is a television documentary producer and author who is publishing a book entitled *An Alien Harvest*. The comments concerned the death of five cows in Hempstead County where three of the animals were mutilated, but no blood was found in addition to no struggle by the animals or any tracks of any vehicles or footprints. The notations refer to the slides, and Linda refers to Linda Howe and John refers to Dr. John Altshuler. A related story is published on page one.

Linda: This is Saturday, March 18, 1989, at Dr. John Altshuler's home office microscope. We are looking through a MicroStar IV microscope at stained slides of tissue taken

from a cow south of Hope, Ark., the Jim Williamson case. This is Dr. Altshuler talking about what he sees under the microscope:

This is from Slide B1-89-2:

John: The fragment of normal appearing cow hide is taken and shows an abundance of hair follicles, normal appearing tissue with normal structures we refer to as (adnexel), meaning things like sweat ducts, hair follicles, sebaceous glands and the underlying tissue is made up of thick bundles of normal-appearing collagen which is the resultant product of the manufacture of this kind of tissue from fibrous type cells in the skin. It appears very normal.

Adjacent to it, however, is an area of liquefactive necrosis, meaning death by coagulation. And a lot of bubble-type formation within cells that is almost certainly the result of high

heat. Furthermore, I was really amazed that there appears to be inflammation that was not present in other sections. In addition, there are a number of blood vessels that contain what appears to be blood that has been fried - "laked" blood - where the integrity of the red blood cells is completely lost. Much of the tissue close to the area of mutilation cutting is completely pink in color. There is very little nuclear structures, meaning that the tissue is totally dead. This could result surely from burning, cauterizing, from high heat. There also is clear evidence of coagulation or coagulative necrosis that has occurred in all the surrounding tissue.

Are there any blood cells in the mutilation tissue?

In the mutilation area, the vessels are completely free of blood, there is no blood at all. Even at the capillary level,

which is surprising.

Have you ever seen human tissue or any tissue in which all of the blood cells were removed?

I would rather re-phrase that and say, Have I ever seen human tissue where blood cells were absent, not necessarily removed? I have and it's quite common in tissue that has been cauterized. The blood is sublimated, evaporated. It's destroyed. But except with exposure to heat, any kind of trauma could not possibly cause blood to disappear. In fact, it would cause it to become much more intense, much bloodier.

Based on what you are looking at, what would be the minimum temperature that could cause this and are there any signs that indicate how rapidly the cutting was done?

I would find it very difficult to give a minimum temperature - one would have to experiment with burning on cattle to be able to determine that. But you know that you've got to have a pinpoint burning, because as I am looking at another part of the slide now.

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... slide number 4, the burning changes that have taken place are pretty narrow. They do not extend deeply into the tissue. You can see a pretty well defined line between normal tissue and the area that has been burned or cauterized. There is a change in the collagen bundles, the tissue looks necrotic, it has a blue coloration - a very typical finding, and the blood vessels in this area are completely void of blood. However, immediately to the normal slide where the tissue is normal, right near the line where the cautery has taken place, the vessels are filled with blood very well. You can see this here.

Linda: Yes, it's pretty dramatic.

John: But if you go over to the area of burn, you can look at similar spaces and there are blood vessels that have no blood.

Linda: What causes the blue color?

The blue color is an artifact of coloration due to burning. Now here we have blood vessels in the burned area without any blood.

Linda: And that rivulet of the purple ones in there, what would that be?

John: Those are cells around a blood vessel, but there are five blood vessels there, some are cut longitudinally and some are cut across and there is no blood in the cavity of any of them.

Linda: The blue on the tissue, is an indication of some type of high heat exposure?

John: High temperature.

Linda: Yesterday you said there was indication that this must have happened rapidly? What indicated that?

John: The fact that - whenever you have cutting trauma or any trauma for that matter that takes place over an extended period of time - for example, if you're doing an appendectomy and you make an incision, you will always find inflammatory cells at the site of incision and general area of tissue manipulation. And here, there are none.

That means it would have to be very fast because the inflammatory reaction comes in very quickly. It doesn't take very long. You can produce this with minimal trauma.

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Linda: Now here is an area where there is damaged tissue and you can see degeneration and just loss of collagen in the area of injury ... broken up and has a uniform pinkish color - you can see all that kind of loose appearance.

And it looks like a bunch of pink paisley feathers.

John: We'll take photographs of all these.

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Linda: In terms of your medical career and looking at tissue that is subjected to laser, is there anything about this that has a difference to what modern day lasers used in medical surgery would look like?

John: The important thing to learn about tissue is that all tissue responds only a few ways. No matter what you do to it, it will only respond a few ways. For example, people try to make pathology a very difficult science and it is in a way. But nonetheless, when you look at tissue, you can only have inflammation, edema or destruction, necrosis and so on. But all tissue is uniformly reacts. When you get heat — here is a classic example right here under fairly low power of what heat has done to the tissue — and if you take a horse, a cow, a pig, a human, a monkey or any form of life, you will show the identical type of changes that occur with heat. They are all the same. And the coagulation type of change which is here in the middle — unfortunately the tissue has been folded, but it's in the middle and shows a very typical kind of bluish coloration that looks different than the tissue below it.

Linda: Right.

John: That's typical of heat.

Linda: You would see this with a laser? It's heat, but you can't tell what made this?

John: No, you can't say this was done by a pinpoint laser or done by a very hot blade that was heated in a burner. You can't really tell the type of apparatus that has been used.

Linda: Then is the absence of the blood cells not unusual?

John: In the burned area, it would be perfectly usual to find. In a non-burned area, if you had an area that had been injured by any way other than heat, you always have blood and a lot of it.

Linda: Is there anything about what you see in these cells that could not be explained by just heat?

John: It would be awfully tough to find any other cause. I can't imagine how you could get that kind of coagulative necrosis with — you can't without heat. You have to have heat. It would be a rapid application. Whatever it is, we know

now, we have scientific instrumentation now that gives cutting by laser pretty commonly used in many places.

Linda: The absence of fluid in the amniotic sac in which the calf was found, the absence of blood in any of the tissues in the cows that were cut up by the local vet and by the newspaper editor — is the absence of blood and all fluid normal?

John: Oh, clearly not. As I told you the other day, I have gone to slaughterhouses to harvest blood to get the blood for making coagulation reagents. The animals have an incredible amount of blood. When you cut their throat, you can't drain it all out, but you get buckets and buckets. You know, they have an incredible amount of blood. You cannot do the wholesale type of mutilation — the pictures we looked at from Arkansas — you cannot do that without having blood.

(The reference book, *Anatomy and Physiology*, written by R. D. Frandson, indicated a cow has about seven percent of body weight as blood. A 1,000-pound cow would contain between eight to 10 gallons of blood. The three cows mutilated would have contained an estimated 30 gallons of blood.)

Linda: So what would you hypothesize in the five cows — what could have done that?

John: The fluid would have to be drained out, it would have to be evacuated by some means.

Linda: Would exposure to high heat alone cause enough frequency vibration that H₂O molecules of water would evaporate away?

John: Let me put it this way, have you ever had blood pudding? Do you know what it is?

Linda: No.

John: Blood pudding is a Scottish dish that we have — Barbara (John's wife) family is Scottish — which is made out of blood, the beef blood. It looks like a hotdog, but it's very dark in color. It's made out of blood, beef blood. How can you envision an animal with 30 gallons of blood, have that blood drained — how can you envision cauterizing cooking it and not having any telltale evidence of it, no blood cells left in the tissue? Can you imagine

that? I can't.

Linda: So, when there is no blood in the tissue that in itself is unusual, even if a laser had been used to make the cut?

John: No blood in the tissue away from the pinpoint burn — that would be true.

Looking at the color pictures, that kind of incisional trauma — I cannot envision how it could be done without evidence of blood somewhere. At least, we don't know how to do it. We can do very good incisions and maintain a bloodless field, but you have to do it in a relatively small area. You can't do it in a big area. It can't be done without blood spilling somewhere.

Linda: So what you are saying is that from your professional medical point of view, for an animal the size of a cow to have the absence of all blood cells, you don't know how that could be explained? The laser at the point of incision, could not explain the absence of blood further from the incision?

John: Absolutely not. There is no way that blood could be taken from the whole animal and not have some on the ground even. All you would have to see is an animal cut and the blood drained, animal the size of a cow. What you are asking is like saying you could envision a swimming pool filled with water in the middle of the desert and you could see it was filled when all of a sudden all the water is gone. Not a trace anywhere of it around. We don't know of any way how that could happen. But this obviously happened in these cows. There is no way that humans can do that, unless you take the animal away, take it to somewhere else, drain the animal and then bring it back.

Linda: So, bottom line, what we can say without any question from a professional medical point of view is:

Whatever made the incision, it was high heat and it happened rapidly.

John: Yes. And from my previous experience with the horse named Lady in the San Luis Valley and from what you have told me — without blood. Where the blood went, I don't know.

A strange series of events

The Little River News is publishing a series of articles which frankly are strange.

Persons who like to express cheap shots to newspapers may be inclined to cite the wornout phrase of 'we want to sell extra newspapers.'

The articles concern five dead cows found in Hempstead County where three of the cows were mutilated.

We've asked questions about mutilations dating back to 1979 when Otto Cowling Jr. of Foreman had a 1,200-pound bull mutilated. Then in August, 1987, Keith Pullen of Foreman lost two calves to something that mutilated. These are just the reported incidences we've learned about in our county.

When researching the Hempstead County mutilation we found out about another mutilation which occurred in 1987.

In November the newspaper talked to the Lonoke County Sheriff who discussed the mutilation in his county of two Longhorn steers. All of the mutilations offered not a single clue — period.

We were bothered how a 1,200-pound bull could be taken down without a struggle. All of the animals appeared to be laid on the ground. Even when the calf was found by Pullen in a soft dirt bank of a pond, no tracks were found of anything.

During the major portion of the "sky activity" last year which sightings still continue, Linda Moulton Howe became aware of our work in attempting to document our activity of unidentified flying objects.

She sent us a videotape she produced in 1980 entitled "A Strange Harvest." This documentary was nominated for a regional Emmy in Denver. We checked if in fact the video was nominated and the secretary of the regional organization said we were the first person to ask the question. Yes, it was nominated.

Also last spring during our written and verbal communications with Dr. Paul Lowman of NASA in Greenbelt, Maryland, who helped to review our photos, we discussed the aspects of animal mutilation.

We sent him a copy of the video and he admitted to us that he had the photo lab to review the frames showing the actual cuts on the animals and the conclusions were a valid video on the subject existed in Howe's work. He urged us to

investigate mutilations.

Howe is near the finish of her book, *An Alien Harvest*. She is using some of our photos in the book in addition to 10 pages discussing the Hempstead County incident.

She had asked us to contact her if a mutilation occurred in the region because past experiences indicated this would happen. Then on March 10, 1989, it occurred.

Apparently the Hempstead County Sheriff failed to understand the issue, but a lack of communication created a problem from determining the actual cause of death. This could have helped in research in proving or disproving theories of what had occurred.

Frankly a sheriff has a problem when he has unsolved murders. It's tough for a sheriff to explain to the families of murder victims that he is taking time to investigate dead cows. But that's why in 30 years no evidence has been gathered other than saying predators or buzzards cause the cuts and drain the blood.

As the Lonoke County Sheriff said, no evidence exists. He even doubts the theory of human cults because no other crime leaves no evidence.

To a farmer and rancher, this is a crime which is costly.

Howe offers the theory of government experimentation or a government cover-up concerning the activity of UFOs involved. It's only theories.

But regardless, cattle have been killed without a clue until now. Howe says her research indicates this may be a breakthrough in finding out the type equipment which cut the cattle. It still doesn't mean anyone knows who or what killed the animals, but it's one step closer in the investigative process.

We're not qualified to offer answers on mutilations. But it's a crime, regardless of who is doing it.

The Little River News donated the photos to Howe meaning we've received no money. The photos would sit in the files so when Howe asked, we decided to allow the photos to be published with the hope this will eventually lead to additional investigative material being developed in solving the problem.

To the critics — this is a lot of work to sell a newspaper for 25 cents.

— Jim Williamson

DAILY NEWS, Hillsdale, MI - March 15, 1989

Bigfoot hunters scour area

By Debbie Myers
News Editor

HILLSDALE — "Ridicule without investigation is the crown of ignorance upon the head of a fool."

That's the motto followed by two big foot investigators who unlike some folks, think the large footprints found in February in Lost Nations may be more than a hoax.

Art Kapa of Mayville, and Doug McCoy of Peru, Ind., are the investigators who say the prints they saw in Lost Nations go beyond the realm of a hoax. Kapa has been such an investigator for 19 years and McCoy for seven.

Although they are not 100 percent sure, they are confident enough to offer \$100 to the person who can prove how the prints were faked.

The Hillsdale County Sheriff's Department and a Department of Natural Resources officer investigated the tracks after they were reported in early February.

The DNR officer, Robert Like, discounted the prints as those made by a prankster.

The sheriff's department made a mold of one of the prints, but it has not been sent anywhere for analysis, according to Detective Sam Ramey.

He says he has been making calls to help him decide where to send the mold.

The 23-inch prints were not made by someone with a form or wood cut-out as some persons believe, Kapa claims. After studying the prints, Kapa said he can see toe and ball movement as well as other factors which indicate the prints were not made by a form. In one particular print, it appears that whatever made the prints began to slide and dug its toes into the ground, Kapa explained.

While the 23-inch print is larger than other suspected Bigfoot prints, Kapa says they are consistent with other prints he has seen.

All of the prints are not alike, he said. Thus, if someone made the tracks they went to a lot of trouble to fabricate a moving foot, he added.

McCoy says their investigation has also ruled out the possibility of someone making the prints by mounting something to make the prints on stilts.

It would be difficult for someone to walk on stilts, plus, it would not be easy to evenly dispense the

weight to make such big tracks.

Most of the tracks were damaged by those who were curious and wanted to see the tracks, they report.

"Unfortunately, there were just too many people out there," McCoy said. Human footprints inside of the big prints destroyed the large prints, he said.

"Now it is hard to investigate due to weather changes and human interference," McCoy said.

Even though conditions are not good for their investigation, Kapa and McCoy want to gather more information before making their final decision.

The pair spent Tuesday in the Lost Nations area hoping to come across the person or persons who had been the first to see the prints. They also plan to return to Lost Nations later to spend more time investigating.

Such investigations usually take weeks or even months, McCoy said, adding that they plan to regularly visit the area.

They will also welcome phone calls from residents who have other information, Kapa says. Those folks should contact the Big Foot Investigation Center at (517) 843-6302.

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NASA
MARS FACE: Carving or 'wind storm'?

The formations were shaped by wind storms. Hoagland said the chances that nature caused the monoliths are "less than one in several trillion."

MARS MISSION: Scientists who contend giant rock formations on Mars were carved by ancient aliens as a message urged NASA to take close-up photos with the 1992 Mars Observer probe. "This is not far-out, not *Loony Tunes*," said Richard Hoagland, head of The Mars Project, a non-profit research group. Fuzzy photos from the 1976 Viking mission show five formations — including a mile-long one resembling a human face — arranged at repeating geometrical angles, Hoagland said. NASA says

Boggy Creek 'monster' still stalks Fouke folks

BY SHEILA YOUNT
Democrat Staff Writer

Was it a bear, a big monkey, a wild man or just a hoax?

People in the small South-west Arkansas community of Fouke may never know for sure whether the famous reported sightings of a huge and hairy ape-like creature named after the town were real, imagined or nothing but the tales of some fun-loving pranksters who had a few too many drinks.

But sightings of the beast still occur.

The Miller County sheriff's office still gets about two to three reports a year from people claiming to have seen the monster. Sheriff H.L. Phillips said he's already gotten two such calls this year.

"During the earlier part of the year we had a couple of girls who said they were coming through the woods and an 8-foot monster grabbed one and picked her up and slung her around his head and threw her into the bushes," Phillips said.

The other report was from some "kids in a car" who said they saw something that

Whatever happened to ...?



looked like a monster and had a "real strong odor," Phillips said.

"People ask me all of the time did they really see it," said Denny Roberts, owner of the Boggy Creek Country Store in Fouke. "But who am I to judge what someone else saw? The monster might have been a stump shadow or something else."

Frank Schambach, an archaeologist at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, doesn't put much stock in the monster myth. He challenged it about 18 years ago when huge footprints were found by a farmer in a bean field in Fouke.

"No living creature made it," he said. "It looked like it was made with an elbow and forearm."

Schambach said his determination that the tracks were

a hoax left many folks in Fouke upset. "They wanted to have a monster," he said.

Although Phillips said he doesn't believe there is a monster, he doesn't think all of the sightings have been hoaxes either.

"I believe they did see something, but what it was I don't know," Phillips said.

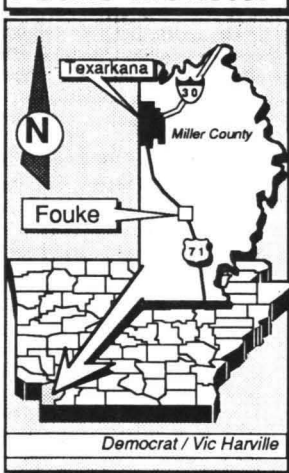
Phillips said his office doesn't ignore the reports and still makes an effort to check them out. But if there is a monster, it continues to elude authorities.

Monster-mania reached a fever pitch in the Fouke area in May 1971 after Bobby Ford, 25, reported being attacked by a "large, hairy creature."

News accounts said Ford told officials that something stuck a large, hairy paw through a hole in the window of his house. He said he and three others ran outside and he saw what looked like a 6-foot-tall man near a wooded area behind the house.

Later, Ford said he was outside and "something" grabbed him and pulled him to the ground. He said he escaped and was so scared he ran

Fouke monster



through the front door.

A year later, Charles B. Pierce made a film about the monster called "Legend of Boggy Creek." After the Ford incident and the release of the film, curious tourists and reporters came to the town. Former Mayor J.D. Larey recalled

in a recent interview that he was deluged with letters and telephone calls.

"I got 700 letters at one time," Larey recalled. "For a while, every time I'd look out front there would be some TV station from Fort Smith setting up cameras in the yard."

Larey said he hunted all around the Fouke area and never saw the monster, or even bears.

Phillips said sightings of the monster have been reported in the area since the 1940s and 1950s. Until a few years ago, he said the sheriff's office got about one report a month.

Many of the people who made the reports were "reputable people," Phillips said, which led him to believe they weren't lying.

But Phillips said he's not too sure about the story the girls gave this year and ones others have given in the past. "Lots of times kids get into trouble" and need an excuse to get out of it, he said.

While many Fouke residents are skeptical of the monster, 18-year-old Tracy Wilson is not. Wilson said she saw the monster about 10 years ago when she was outside playing.

"I can remember sitting in the back yard and my brother was riding his motorcycle and I was playing with my little tea set," she said. "I looked up and it was standing 30 yards in front of me. When I saw it, it shocked me and I got up and slowly walked back in the house. When I got inside, I locked the door, got in a recliner and covered up with an afghan until my mother got home from work."

She said the creature was 7 feet tall and had long black hair. To this day, Wilson said she's afraid to go outside after dark.

Mayor Virgil Roberts said the monster evokes more laughter than fear in Fouke these days.

"If there's any talk, it's mostly through a joke - people making fun of this thing," the mayor, who is Denny Roberts' father, said.

He said tourists still come through the town and ask about the monster, but it's "cooled down very much" since the 1970s.

For the last four years, Fouke has had an annual "Boggy Creek Day," which is an arts and crafts fair to honor the monster. Someone usually dresses up in a monster suit and the proceeds go to such activities as the local volunteer fire department, Denny Roberts said.

The younger Roberts, who is also president of the Greater Miller County Chamber of Commerce, said he thinks the citizens of Fouke need to promote the monster more.

"I see a lot of potential in Boggy Creek still and it's my intention to promote it," he said.

He added that he thinks the legend of the monster and Boggy Creek will live for years to come. "I think it's something that will continue. People's very thinking nowadays is toward the mysterious."

Sea monster fan club proves serious group

By BART JACKSON

A funny thing happened at Wednesday's inaugural meeting of the B.C. sea monsters' club - nothing funny happened.

Hungry media representatives at the Simon Fraser University classroom didn't catch sightings of comic-book crazed kids or glassy-eyed folk who just shared a spiked seltzer with Elvis.

Instead, the 20 or so interested spectators tended to be academics with those little letters of degree at the end of their names that, while not proving sanity, give them a soup-
con of scientific credibility.

They joined other professionals and a former journalist who wanted to be in on the founding of the B.C. Cryptozoology Club, which actually concerns itself with unexplained land creatures as well as weird sea dwellers.

Not that investigators of such famed fauna as Ogopogo and Sasquatch can escape the jeering eyes of a wary public, as founding member Paul LeBlond, a professor of oceanography at the University of

B.C., readily attested. "You walk along Granville Street and dress funny and you get your picture taken," LeBlond gestured at a television camera. "Cryptozoologists also get their pictures taken."

Humor an asset

So it helps to keep a sense of humor in the monster field, LeBlond said before elaborating on some sound scientific reasons for taking cryptozoology seriously.

Ten years ago, for instance, a large, bizarre and previously unknown creature - "a cryptic" in cryptozoological parlance - got entangled in the anchor chain of a U.S. Navy boat off Oahu. Scientists named it megamouth shark. Only two have ever been officially sighted, but now it's in the textbooks.

There are "a variety of disturbing reports from people who occasionally see animals that no one has ever seen before," said LeBlond. He argues that in humanity's endeavor to count and name all the creatures

of the earth, it only makes sense that "the last few animals are difficult to find."

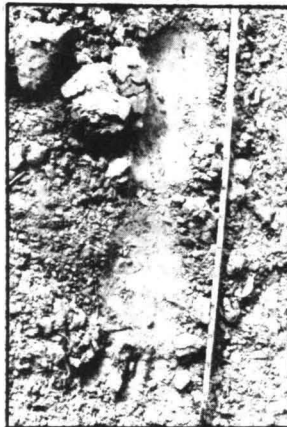
Stories swapped

The sober atmosphere and LeBlond's determination to remain "very tolerant of other people's ideas" prompted some at the meeting to reveal their own brushes with cryptics.

And the club's co-founder, Jim Clark, noted this is fertile ground for cryptics: "B.C. has more hidden animals per capita than any other location on earth, with the possible exception of Africa. There are 24 lakes that are alleged to be home to water monsters of one sort or the other."

But as LeBlond pointed out, evidence backing cryptics is hazy. "If we were going to try to convict these animals of existence in a law court," he admitted, "they would be absolved."

LeBlond and Clark collected membership dues from eight people at the club's inaugural meeting.



Texarkana Gazette file photo
BIG TRACK - Picture of alleged footprint of the creature showed a foot that measured nearly 14 inches long, with three toes all about the same size.

HERALD, Miami, FL - June 13, 1989 CR: A. Rosales Mysterious blob falls from sky, solidifies

As gardener Angelo Rosario was planting a tree in the backyard of an Islamorada home, the Blob entered his life.

It fell from the sky, splashed down behind him and started to bubble. Rosario poked at it. His boss, Betty Rosenthal, called police.

When Monroe County Sgt. Tom Brazil arrived Sunday, the substance had transformed itself into a foam-like solid, two feet in diameter.

"He took it into custody," sheriff's spokesman Becky Herrin said.

"I should be afraid to go home," neighbor Linda Clarke said. "I lie out on the dock near where this thing fell."

Some in the sheriff's office think it is some kind of insulation dropped from a passing plane. Art Skelly, Monroe airport director, doubts the Blob was a byproduct from a plane's plumbing system. "Planes do not dump their latrines in the air," he said. "The stuff is held in tanks."

Poisoning of range cattle investigated

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LA PINE - A law enforcement task force has been formed in southern Deschutes County and northern Lake County to investigate the poisoning deaths of more than 26 head of cattle, some of which ranchers say were mutilated.

Gordon Wanek, a rancher in the La Pine area, said the number of his cattle killed had nearly doubled in the last two weeks. When authorities were called in late last month, Wanek, who also owns two sprawling ranches near Fort Rock, 62 miles southwest of La Pine, had lost 15 cattle.

"I figure each cow I have lost is worth about \$1,000," Wanek said. "With the total now at 26, that's a loss of \$26,000, and I don't know of any rancher who can stand that kind of loss and stay in business for

very long."

Wanek said some of the dead cattle looked as though they had been ritually mutilated, but authorities would not confirm that.

Bob Rainville, acting supervisor of the Fort Rock Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest, said the task force was made up of representatives from the Oregon State Police, the Deschutes and Lake county sheriff's offices, the U.S. Forest Service and the federal Bureau of Land Management.

"We're sharing a lot of information with each other, but not sharing all of it with the public," Rainville said. "We want to catch whoever is doing this, so we have to keep some of the information to ourselves."

In addition to Wanek's losses, several other ranchers in the Fort Rock area have reported losses. One rancher east of Bend reported the

loss of two cows, one of which had been mutilated.

Dr. Martin Warbington, a veterinarian from Tumalo called in to investigate the deaths, said that most of the cattle were killed by poisoned grain.

Norbert Schadler, another Fort Rock-area rancher who has lost two cows, said he thought authorities were trying to downplay the situation until they could find out what was really going on. "But both of my cows definitely were mutilated," Schadler said.

Rainville said there was a lot of uneasiness among cattle ranchers in the Fort Rock area.

"They are standing watch on their herds," he said. "All of my Forest Service staff has been alerted to what's going on, and they're keeping a lookout for anything that appears to be abnormal."

SUN, Vancouver, B.C., Canada - April 29, 1989

Unidentified Falling Ice

A chunk of ice the size of a volleyball crashed through the roof of a house in Portland, Oregon, during a thunderstorm. Duane and Joan Cline were reading when they heard a noise that sounded like a car crashing into the house. They later found that a

long hole in their bedroom ceiling and a mass of ice on the floor. A local meteorologist said that the chunk probably formed on an airplane passing through a thunderstorm and fell off as it flew overhead.

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