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## Witnesses continue to report UFO sightings

### Hovering light

By Hal and Linda Holston

On Wednesday, April 18, at approximately 8:40 p.m., we were heading east on the Bay Bridge. As we approached the Gulf Breeze end of the bridge, I was looking up to see if there was anything unusual happening. Just before we exited the bridge, Hal noticed a red light above the Bay Bridge condos and asked me what it was. I couldn't identify it either, so he pulled off into the Holiday Inn

parking lot. We parked facing the condos and I rolled down my window to get a better look. Hal could see it through the windshield. It was a fairly large red light, larger than Venus (which has been very bright lately). The light did not move. We checked the time as we pulled into the parking lot—it was 8:42 p.m. The light hovered over the condos, then it flashed to bright white, and then turned back to red. About 30 seconds

later, the light disappeared. It still hadn't moved from its original position, it just "blinked off". It was definitely not an airplane or a helicopter.

Since we had heard that the MUFON group had been holding watches on the pier at Shoreline Park, we decided to drive down there to see if they had seen anything. When we arrived at the pier, we could see several people and some equipment at the end of the dock. As

we approached, Hal asked if they had seen anything. They responded by telling us about the same light we had seen.

They were really excited when they discovered that our sighting was from another location. We stayed at Shoreline for awhile, while they took some measurements and then they followed us back to the Holiday Inn to take measurements of our sighting.

### "It never made a sound"

By Kelly Noland

On the night of April 17, around 8:30 p.m., I had talked a friend into going to Shoreline Marina to walk. As we got there we noticed people all around. We began talking to them when a man said, "Look over there!"

I looked to my left over Gulf Breeze proper when I saw a large bright red object. As I looked, it began to get redder then a blinding white and disappeared. It never made a sound and was very still. The night was clear and I could make out

all stars, moon and planets. This was something I have never seen before in the sky.

Yes, I would have to call it a UFO. Another couple walked up and asked us if we saw something in the sky. We asked "Why?" and they replied they

had to pull over at the Holiday Inn to get out of their car to see the large red light that turned a bright white and just disappeared. We all realized they had seen the very same thing. Can so many people be seeing things? I don't believe so.

### "There it is!"

By Ann Morrison

On Tuesday evening, April 9, 1991 a "sky watch" was held at South Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze. Most of the people attending the meeting were walking out on the pier while others were busy setting up cameras and various measuring devices. The time was ten minutes after 8 p.m. when I heard someone yell "There it is!"

I looked towards the northeast and I immediately saw a bright red object. I had just gotten my binoculars out of the car. Andrea Baker came running over and got my extra pair out of the car and we both steadied the binoculars on top of the car and watched the object hover for about four minutes.

Gary Watson, MUFON Chief Investigator, arrived and stopped his car near us. He set up his camera and started taking some photographs with infrared film. The rest of the group was out on the pier about 500 feet from our observation point near the back of the parking lot. A Portable Elevation and Azimuth Scope (P.E.A.S.) was set up on the pier and at our location in the parking lot. The P.E.A. scopes accurately located the object as being 29,000 feet away on a line to 60 degrees (east, northeast). That location is approximately a half mile northeast from the Gulf Breeze K-Mart.

The object moved slowly towards the south. A small airplane appeared to go under

the red lighted object. The object remained stationary as the plane passed moving northward. As we watched, the red light changed to a bright white, then reappeared as red. Moments later it just disappeared.

There were a total of 30 witnesses and permission was obtained from all of them for the use of their names in a formal report. But the most remarkable part of this UFO sighting were the people in the direction of K-Mart who confirmed the sighting and therein confirmed the accuracy of the P.E.A. scopes.

MUFON field investigator, Joe Barron, interviewed the witnesses who confirmed the UFO sighting from near the K-Mart location. Bob Simpson,

his sister and his daughter, an airline flight attendant, were on their way to shop at K-Mart.

Bob said, "As we pulled out onto Highway 98 at the light at Oriole Beach Road, we saw a very bright red object to the east, northeast at about 25 degrees. It did not move. Its size was very big. It took four fingers at arm's length to cover the object. It was a solid structure, dull silver or white in color and we saw it for about one and a half minutes. Our attention was diverted and when we looked again, it was gone. At the time we reported our sighting, we had no knowledge of the other witnesses at South Shoreline Park."

### Glowing red ball

By Sue Jones,

Foley, Alabama

(Dictated to Vicki Lyons by phone)

On Tuesday, April 9th, shortly past 8:00, we were gathered with 35 or so people for a skywatch at Shoreline Park.

My husband, son, daughter-in-law and myself had only been there a short while when a shout went up, "Come out on the pier - look to the east."

There was a stampede onto the pier and there in the east we saw a marvelous large, lighted object - a glowing red ball which pulsated some, then turned bright white and disappeared. This seemed to be several minutes' duration.

We were thrilled to get to see it, and you can quote "Bet your boots - we will be going back to skywatch often hoping to see more."

REGISTER, New Haven, CT — July 8, 1991 CR: J. White

## Talk of abductions not alien to 800 at UFO symposium

Associated Press

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Debbie Tomey's tale of being abducted by alien beings was greeted with understanding nods at an international symposium dedicated to unraveling the mysteries of unidentified flying objects.

Chitchat at the 22nd annual gathering of the Mutual UFO Network included discussions of a mysterious substance called "angel hair" left behind by UFOs, cattle that have been neatly cut open and drained of their fluids, and of being whisked away and studied by alien beings.

Many of the 800 people at the gathering Saturday also browsed through an assortment of T-shirts, bumper stickers, tapes and books with titles including "Mystery of the Sky Men" and "Elvis UFO Connection."

Tomey claimed the space aliens who took her said they were sorry they had to hurt her, then filled her with a light that felt "like being hit with a bolt of lightning."

It was June 1983, and she had gone to see why the door of her parents' garage was open at their Indianapolis home.

"I started feeling really hot, like I was on fire," she said. "I tried to run, and that's when I lost my memory."

Tomey said she is not asking people to believe her.

"I'm just asking them to hear me," she said.

One who has heard her is John Carpenter, a psychiatric social worker from Springfield, Mo., who said he has hypnotized about 40 people who recalled being abducted by aliens.

TIMES, Los Angeles, CA  
June 16, 1991

### FAST FORWARD



**BACKGROUND:** In March, View reported on Secret Saucer Base Expeditions, a loosely knit group that regularly scans the sky for UFOs near Nellis Air Force Bombing and Gunnery Range in Nevada.

**UPDATE:** A complaint has been filed with the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles alleging that a military CH-53 helicopter tried to run a saucer watcher's car off the road. Gary Schultz, head of the group, and other UFO enthusiasts said the buzzing incident, which was partially captured on videotape, occurred last month as a caravan returned through the Ti-kaboo Valley. Military officials did not return phone calls from The Times. The U.S. Attorney's office said only that all complaints filed are investigated.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** Schultz and others say they will continue to visit the remote site they say is rich in UFO activity.

—SHANNON SANDS

Fast Forward is an occasional update of earlier View stories.

CR: S. Atlanta

PINE ISLAND EAGLE, Matlacha, FL — May 29, 1991

### Unidentified Flying Object Watchers of Pine Island

There have been a few good sightings of craft of unknown origin right here on our Island. If you have ever seen a UFO or wanted to discuss the subject with others we are trying to get a group of your neighbors together to discuss and socialize. This can be a little serious, but also fun. This is not about military, national security, religion, or biblical prophecy. Watch the skies. If interested call afternoon or evenings at 283-7399, except Wednesday, or call 283-7190.



R. EDWARD TURNER photo

# A UFOlogist who's down to Earth

**Md. researcher dishes up evidence he says proves existence of alien beings**

By STEVEN CHRZANOWSKI  
Cecil Bureau reporter

ELK MILLS, Md. — George M. Reynolds Sr. knows a lot of people think he's crazy. And some days, he says with a smile, he's not too sure about himself.

Reynolds, 68, is president and founder of the northeastern Maryland chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, the world's largest

and oldest international organization researching extraterrestrials.

A Methodist minister and retired Army electronic design specialist, Reynolds believes Earth has been a stop-off point for galactic neighbors for thousands of years.

He also believes that aliens occasionally abduct earthlings to take chunks of skin, extract its genetic content and replenish their own stock, and that they take unfertilized eggs from women to breed alien-human hybrids on Earth and back home.

No matter what people call him, Reynolds said they can't call him illogical.

The Elk Mills resident notes that for every grain of sand on this planet, there is a star somewhere in space.

And around each of those zillions of stars could be a grouping of planets just like our solar system. So, Reynolds asks, why should we be the only hunk of matter in the universe with living tenants?

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He said people would be crazy not to believe in little gray (not green) creatures with big heads and oversized wraparound eyes — and the vessels that brought them here — once they consider the evidence.

Reynolds, a UFO network researcher, said there is enough evidence in the form of pic-

## Air Force says claims of sightings don't fly

By STEVEN CHRZANOWSKI  
Cecil Bureau reporter

Despite reams of data compiled by such private research organizations as the Mutual UFO Network, no official government investigation has ever found evidence that life forms from other planets have visited Earth.

From 1948 to 1969, the Air Force conducted studies under the code name Project Blue Book, according to the office of the secretary of the Air Force. The Air Force concluded:

■ No UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threatening national security.

■ No evidence has been submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

■ No evidence has indicated that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

During its 21 years of research, the Air Force investigated 12,618 reported UFO sightings. Of these, 11,917 were

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found to have been caused by material objects such as balloons, satellites and aircraft; immaterial objects such as lightning, reflections and other natural phenomena; astronomical objects such as stars, planets, the sun and the moon; weather conditions; and hoaxes.

Only 701 reported sightings remain unexplained.

All documentation regarding Project Blue Book is available for public review at the National Archives and Records Administration's Modern Military Reference Branch, Eighth and Pennsylvania avenues, Washington, D.C. 20408.

A list of private organizations interested in aerial phenomena may be found in Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations, available in the reference section of most public libraries.

tures, books, federal government memos and uncorroborated testimonies from people who claim to have had close encounters with extraterrestrials.

"We have no doubt that if we went into a courtroom in a murder case with the [amount of] evidence we have, the person would be convicted," Reynolds said. "Responsible people from all walks of life experience UFOs every day. We can't just stick our heads in the sand."

A prominent theory among UFOlogists, as they're called, is that UFOs are propelled by electromagnetic force. Reynolds, who received electronics training at MIT, the University of Michigan and the University of Delaware, is attempting to design a device that signals changes in the magnetic field in a two-mile radius.

Reynolds uses a detector designed by a fellow researcher. The device has gone off a number of times, he says, but he has yet to see a UFO.

It's Reynolds' job to track down and interview people who have seen UFOs or ETs — a job that's often difficult. Witnesses don't want to share their experiences because they're afraid of being called nuts, he says.

Reynolds carries a 161-page investigator's manual that contains everything from standardized surveys and descriptions of things

that could be mistaken for UFOs to artists' renderings of basic alien types.

Reynolds' only personal sighting came in 1945 from the deck of his submarine off Okinawa. Although he couldn't make out the details, the young sailor who grew up "cutting my teeth on Flash Gordon" knew the dot of light dancing in the night sky wasn't of this world.

Reynolds said he has interviewed seven or eight Maryland and Delaware people who claim they've seen UFOs or met their pilots. But he said he was able to find just one willing to speak to a reporter.

Walter Hushour said one word describes what he saw one night while driving to his Kent Island home three years ago: "Awesome."

On that crisp, clear November night, Hushour said he saw three triangular objects rise from a field to the height of the treetops. He said he was so mesmerized that he stopped and left his car to watch.

Each was 50 to 100 feet long and bordered with 12 red and white lights "the size of a gallon paint can," he said. And none of them made a sound.

"I could throw a stone and hit it," Hushour said. "It was just like a movie without sound."

Hushour, who describes himself as an aviation buff, said he knows the objects weren't jets or helicop-

ters because they didn't have the required red and green flashing lights. He said he got back into his car and tried to follow the objects as they seemed to glide southward, but lost them.

"I'm a Christian and I'll swear ... I saw a flying saucer," Hushour said.

Reynolds claims a handful of his interviewees reported seeing similar phenomena around Red Hill on the outskirts of Elkton. He believes the crafts may be siphoning power from high-tension power lines that cross Maryland 281 near Muddy Lane.

Elkton Police Chief Calvin T. Krammes said that in his eight years on the force, he can recall one report of aliens visiting, three miles north of Red Hill. Krammes said one Meadow View man reported seeing a UFO, but detectives didn't record his complaint because they "thought he was crazy and laughed at him."

But Krammes doesn't think it's crazy to believe in life forms on other planets.

Reynolds said witnesses have reported seeing the same kind of triangular or round lighted objects traversing the skies all over the world. He thinks that's proof enough that ETs are visiting.

But journalist and UFO debunker Philip J. Klass believes such sightings only prove how the power of suggestion can manipulate an imaginative mind.

"If I were to ask a hundred other people to draw a picture of a ghost, many of them would probably look similar," said Klass, 71, a founding member of the Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of Paranormal Intelligence. "That is a caricature that has become acceptable by society."

Klass said during a telephone interview from his Washington, D.C., office that Mutual UFO Network members have concluded that UFOs exist without a shred of solid evidence. He said the Air Force researched "flying saucers" from 1948 to 1969 and came up with nothing.

Klass said that if simple devices such as the electromagnetic UFO detector worked, "The mystery would have been solved long ago, and NASA's goal would be to join up with the ETs and visit their planet."

Reynolds said his occasional radio and cable-access television appearances always prompt a few more calls from UFO believers.

Reynolds believes that UFO research someday will come up with irrefutable evidence. He looks forward to that day just as he looks back into biblical times, when the prophets Ezekiel and Isaiah wrote of men who wore helmets of crystal and could fly like birds.

"Who are we to limit God by saying, 'You can't create anybody else but us human beings?'"

along with numerous UFO exhibits and printed handouts. There will also be door prizes.

Salisbury resident Sam Martin — one of the organization's "field investigators" — is one of the event's hosts.

"I've seen them many times over the years, in Rowan County and Davie County," Martin said, speaking of his close encounters. "One of our goals is for people to become aware. It's a big thing, larger than most people realize or know about."

SUN-TIMES, Chicago, IL - July 2, 1991 CR: J. Clark

## New book revives story of 1940s flying saucer

By Scott Fornek  
Staff Writer

After years of studying deep space as an astronomer, astronaut and NASA official, Robert Allan Parker doesn't believe in flying saucers.

"My prejudice is that there is a natural explanation for everything," Parker said after the fifth-anniversary celebration for the Museum of Science and Industry's Henry Crown Space Center Monday. "I have never seen anything I did not understand or could not understand with a readily available explanation."

If the National Aeronautics and Space Administration bigwig, who flew on two space shuttle missions, doesn't believe in UFOs, that about settles it. Right?

Well, maybe.

Donald R. Schmitt and Kevin D. Randle

don't share Parker's certainty. They contend that the government is covering up a 1940s flying saucer crash in New Mexico that killed the three or four aliens aboard.

Schmitt and Randle were downtown Monday to promote *UFO Crash at Roswell*, a book they wrote about the UFO sighting, which the Army Air Corps labeled a flying saucer before calling it a downed weather balloon.

The two, who are affiliated with the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, 2457 W. Peterson, said they talked to about 300 sources during three years of research.

"The only explanation we've been able to

come up with, with the available facts, is an extra-terrestrial spacecraft," Randle said.

In July, 1947, according to Randle and Schmitt, a rancher discovered an area three-fourths of a mile long by 200 to 300 feet wide littered with a strange substance near Roswell, N.M.

Three miles from the debris, investigators from the Roswell Army Air Field found the crash site, complete with "the classic flying saucer," Randle said.

"And at least three bodies," he said. Small—4 to 5 feet tall—with large heads, very thin, and hands with three long fingers, but no opposable thumb. They were yellow and black in color."

Randle said he and Schmitt have spoken to people who said they flew the bodies to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, then Wright Field, in Ohio, and people who performed the autopsies.

So why hasn't this all come out before?

Schmitt said the government covered up the crash for security reasons, and the cover-up continues to prevent general panic.

Back in more established scientific circles, NASA's Parker said he disputes popular accounts of UFOs, but he is not ruling out life on other planets.

"There are 100 billion stars in our galaxy, and probably 10<sup>11</sup> galaxies in the system," Parker said. So there are 10,000,000,000,000,000,000 stars in the universe, he said.

"To think that we are the only star with any life around it is the ultimate conceit. There's got to be something out there."



Donald R. Schmitt



Kevin D. Randle

## UFO group landing in Salisbury

By Wes Young  
THE SALISBURY POST

Seen any flying saucers lately?

If you have — or if you're just interested in them — a statewide UFO group is hoping you'll come and talk about it at a meeting this Sunday in Salisbury.

Organizers say as many as 200 people may attend the quarterly meeting of the Mutual UFO Network of North Carolina, to be held at the Rowan County Agricultural Center on Old Concord Road from 1 to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for non-members.

"North Carolina ranks fourth in the country in the number of UFO reports," club founder George Fawcett said Tuesday. "We've had 28 reports of landings, 30 reports of UFO occupants, and eight abduction scenarios."

They're not just kidnapping folks, either:

"There have been a number of cases where there's been abduction and intercourse with aliens," Fawcett said. One of the speakers at the five-hour meeting will deliver a talk on "Human and Alien Interbreeding."

Sex with aliens might seem, well, awkward, but Fawcett said the aliens are built enough like people "to at least get along in that regard."

The meeting — the first to be held in Salisbury — will feature six speakers and two video films,

POST, Salisbury, NC - May 1, 1991 CR: G. Fawcett



# Close encounters of the weird kind

## UFO investigator says he's skeptical of tales about extraterrestrial visitors

By Nikki DeBuse  
Of the Independent

There's bound to be life on other planets, but Skip Schultz said he won't believe it until he sees it.

Schultz is the Oregon director of the Mutual UFO Network, an international organization that investigates, studies and catalogues unidentified flying object sightings around the world. He said he's still not convinced beings from outer space are visiting our planet despite a number of "really weird" cases he's investigated.

MUFON is not a bunch of crackpots, Schultz said, although he said there are plenty of crackpots out there. MUFON members are scientists, physicians and other professionals who take their investigations very seriously. They're curious, not crazy.

But there are people out there who actually claim to have been visited and even abducted by space aliens. Some claim to have even spotted bigfoot. Others claim the government is trying to cover up evidence that beings from other planets are contacting Earth and try to warn Schultz to beware.

"There are some really weird stories out there," he said.

It's MUFON's job to sort through those reports and find the truth, he said.

Most people tell tales that are a little less far fetched. They report spotting strange lights in the sky and wonder if they've seen a UFO, Schultz said.

Schultz said he first became interested in UFOs as a kid. He read every book on space and flying saucers he could find at the Woodburn library.

"They just intrigued me," he said.

Later, as an Air Force mechanic stationed in Alaska, he had what may have been a close encounter of his own. Late one night he watched an unusual

light descend into the trees just outside the military reservation. He thought it was a helicopter, but later discovered there were no flights in the area. To this day, he has no idea what he saw. But he refuses to call it a UFO.

"I'm kind of down the middle of the road," he said. "I believe there could possibly be other beings in this universe but I have to have proof before I can say yes, there are UFOs. I have to have positive proof."

He's collected shelves full of books on space, astronomy and UFOs and keeps a telescope pointed out a window of his Hardcastle Avenue home.

He joined MUFON five years ago and now coordinates the group's investigations statewide. The walls of his home office are plastered with star charts, drawings of UFOs made by witnesses and maps dotted with pushpins marking the locations of recent UFO sightings.

One of his first cases was right here in Woodburn.

On July 16, 1988, a Gervais family reported watching a space ship as big as a house fly over their farm.

A man and his wife were outside checking their livestock when they spotted a huge object in the sky. The object was low in the sky and moved slowly toward their farm over a nearby power substation, powerlines and railroad tracks. They roused four other family members from bed to watch as the UFO moved over their fields, shops and house and finally disappeared into the trees 15 minutes later.

Witnesses described the object as looking like two bowls stuck together with a dome on top and four legs. The UFO was quiet and almost as big as the family's three-bedroom house, they said.

Investigators determined the craft was not an airplane or helicopter because of its shape, size and movements. Local airports reported there were no aircraft in the area that night.

Investigators still aren't sure what the family saw.

They've have been unable to find any reasonable explanation for the sighting. The case remains open. It's one of those mysterious 10 percent of all UFO sightings that investigators can't explain away.

Three years later Schultz said the family is still sticking to its story. They've never strayed on a single detail, he said.

He said he doesn't think they're making up the story. "These people don't have anything to gain from it," he said. They honestly believe they saw a UFO.

Schultz said he's seen some elaborate hoaxes. In Dallas, a man faked a series of UFO photographs by hanging two carefully disguised soup bowls in the air. The photos were so convincing that he was able to convince a local newspaper to print them.

Careful investigation of the photographs revealed a plank from which the bowls were suspended with fishing line. "They got caught," Schultz said.

The group has been getting a lot of publicity lately, but not all of it has been good. The Oregonian recently ran a lengthy article detailing a Portland man's love affair with an extraterrestrial woman he claims visits his home regularly.

MUFON earned a brief mention in the article, which included drawings of the alien woman and photographs of a smoke detector, a kitchen colander and other items suspended in the sky to look like flying saucers.

That kind of publicity really hurts the organization, Schultz said. After reading stories about space aliens, abductions and government cover-ups in the supermarket tabloids, a lot of people snicker at the idea of investigating UFO sightings.

Still, recent UFO sightings in the Burns area managed to attract a lot of attention. In April, a family reported their car was buzzed by a UFO as they drove down a rural highway.

MUFON investigators determined the lights that fell from the sky in front of the car were actually parachute flares fired into the sky illegally by a Burns man. Ashes from the burned flares were discovered in little piles on the roadway.

Schultz said about 90 percent of all sightings investigated by his group can be explained.

But there is always that other 10 percent for which investigators have no explanation.

Schultz said that doesn't necessarily mean they are genuine UFO sightings. It simply means investigators can't explain what happened.

"You've got to have positive proof to say yes that was a UFO and I don't know anybody who has got any," he said.

Most sightings turn out to be stars or planets obscured by clouds or haze so that they appear to hover or move across the sky, Schultz said.

The planet Venus, which appears as one of the brightest objects in the evening sky, can appear to move or hover under the right conditions, he said. It's often mistaken for a UFO, he said.

The moon, clouds, airplanes, helicopters and even satellites can also fool people into believing they've seen an unidentified flying object, he said.

"There are a lot of things out there that people see that aren't UFOs," he said. They simply misjudge what they're seeing, he said.



Japanese film crew

## Japanese crew films in Gulf Breeze for NIPON TV

On May 10, 1991, I, Jun-ichi Yaoi and my Japanese film crew arrived in Gulf Breeze in the hope of documenting the local UFO sightings. NIPON television network, the largest/oldest commercial broadcasting company of Japan, sponsors our investigative documentary to be aired as part of the two-hour special nationwide in Japan.

Bob Oechsler, a former NASA systems specialist, from Washington, D.C., accompanied us as a consultant to advise and analyze any evidence that we might be able to capture on film.

At approximately 11:30 p.m. Bob Oechsler told us that a "red UFO" had been sighted to the northwest of the Holiday Inn where we were staying. We were preparing for bed but we quickly got our cameras and set up a "sky watch" near the hotel swimming pool overlooking the Pensacola Bay.

Fifteen or twenty minutes passed. Then, out over the water, a bright red object suddenly appeared. The sky was clear over Gulf Breeze and the

Bay, with most of the rain clouds still visible over Pensacola. What we saw and filmed was amazing! It was brilliant and I must say, beautiful. As recorded on our 36 to 1 zoom lens, the UFO moved to the northeast for one minute and twenty seconds before suddenly winking out and then returning for a few seconds as a small white ball of light which then also winked out.

Our film of the UFO clearly shows a circular ring of red "energy" with a center glowing orange core. It will be further analyzed to identify any structure. We have interviewed dozens of local witnesses who have taken video and photos of the UFO but we are particularly impressed with the similarity with photographs taken by Ed Walters in 1988.

Jun-ichi Yaoi, director  
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Tokyo, Japan

SENTINEL, Gulf Breeze, FL

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JOURNAL-STAR, Peoria, IL - May 6, 1991

## Peorian's music moves Soviets

□ Music supposedly inspired by UFOs used by Soviets to teach English to Ukrainians

By SALLY MCKEE  
Of the Journal-Star

Music that a Peoria woman says was inspired by her cosmic encounters is being used in the Soviet Union to teach English to Ukrainian students.

Peorian Connie Cook Smith, 43, who claims several UFO and extraterrestrial experiences, says she has been inspired by her sightings to write and produce music.

That music is being taught to high school students in Kiev, part of the Ukraine, Soviet Union.

It all began a year ago when the Journal Star published an article about Smith's experiences and music which was followed by a Wall Street Journal article. That

article was reprinted in the Soviet newspaper, "Molodaya Gvardiya" or The Young Guard.

The Soviet reporter, Igor Shpak, then wrote to Smith requesting additional information about her and her music because of interest in the Soviet Union about her sightings and work.

"We understand how busy you are, how tired you are (of) being interviewed by reporters, but we still hope you'll devote a dozen minutes to the readers of our newspaper hungering to know more about (the) unordinary woman living in Peoria," Shpak wrote to Smith.

Smith responded to his request and sent information, a photo of herself and a tape of her music.

Along with reporting, Shpak teaches English to high school students and used information Smith sent for his class.

"Your ideas are so human and fresh that your name is becoming more and more famous here," Shpak stated. "Don't forget that here, in the Soviet Union, there are friends understanding and supporting you."

There are many UFO experiences occurring in the Soviet Union, Smith said.

"I wrote a love letter to the Russian people," Smith said. "Actually it was more of an outpouring of joy in positive communication with each other."

The lyrics of Smith's tape, "White Light," were taught to Shpak's students to help them with English lessons.

"Now you can imagine that we study English using a superb textbook whose author is Connie Cook and we are happy to be personally acquainted with this talented author!" Shpak wrote.

Smith said tears streamed down her eyes at the thought of her songs being sung everyday in Kiev.

She has since mailed additional information to the Soviet Union and shared deeper aspects of her experiences.

The Soviet teacher/journalist has suggested that Smith visit Kiev, perhaps through a student exchange program for her daughter. She is considering a trip there, but said she would like to learn some Russian first.

Smith said her first UFO sighting was in 1981. Through April and May of 1987 she reported numerous sightings and began writing many songs. She currently lectures and performs concerts of her music.



Connie Cook Smith

ADVOCATE-NEWS, Fort Bragg, CA - May 16, 1991

## UFO watch

EDITOR — In examining some photos taken of the Cydonia region of Mars by the NASA Viking Lander more than a decade ago, researchers recently discovered what they believe are unnatural structures such as pyramids.

As if this news isn't exciting enough, the structures fit a pattern that suggests a pictograph that may be a formula for a gift from our friends out there that just might save humankind from self-destructing — a non-polluting generator that could produce electricity practically free based on the "new physics."

What's more, these researchers believe the "crop circles" found all over the world in the past year may also be pictographs of the same formula.

Physicist Dr. Bruce DePalma (graduate of M.I.T.) in Santa Barbara, California, has been working on such a generator which he calls the "N machine." Engineers in Germany and Japan are also working on prototypes. But India may be closest to mass producing such generators.

See what you're all missing by not attending meetings of North Coast UFO Watch.

Tom Cahill

# UFOs here?

## Local sightings inspire detection invention

By Kyle Crocco  
Special to the Whig

There are UFOs right here in Cecil County. In fact, there is a history of UFO activity here, according to George Reynolds of Elk Mills, the Maryland State Sectional Director for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) in the Chesapeake area.

Reynolds joined MUFON in 1987 and in his four years as a field investigator he has handled at least four cases involving actual UFO activity, three of which can be classified as sightings and one that can be classified as an abduction/time loss case.

Many scoff at such ideas as UFOs, but as a recent USA Today poll shows, 60 percent of college educated people believe in UFOs, and as the success of such movies as "Close Encounters" and "E.T." indicate, many are willing to believe the suggestion of the phenomenon.

As a field investigator, Reynolds investigates all strange phenomenon taking place in Harford, Cecil and Kent counties. He asked residents to report sightings to him at 398-4124 or write him at P.O. Box 3, Elkton, 21921.

Most of the UFO activity here has occurred in the Red Hill/Delancey Road area, with the most fascinating case being an abduction/time loss.

In an abduction/time loss case a person or persons are abducted by aliens and are often left without memories of the events during that time period except for what directly preceded and followed the abduction, though there are some cases where some people remember what happened.

Because field investigators uphold the confidentiality of witnesses no names can be given, but Reynolds will attest to the veracity of these reports.

### Elkton abduction case

In October 1988, a man and woman with their two children, left Elkton to have dinner at Howard Johnson's on U.S. 896 in Newark, Del. They recall leaving the restaurant at 8:30. They traveled down Old Post road on their way home when the children cried out that there were lights following them. The area was flooded with intense light bright as a flash from a camera. The car lost power and stopped. And the man's last memory is of his wife leaving the car. The next thing he remembers is that he was driving back towards Newark where he was pulled over by a state trooper for driving erratically.

When the man and his family finally reached home, he

turned on the TV to the 11:30 news. What happened to that three hours?

This is still to be determined. And Reynolds has requested that the family speak to Dr. David Jacobs, an assistant professor of history at Temple University, who runs his own group which investigates the abduction phenomenon, and uses the technique of hypnotic regression to help reveal details of the experience.

Later Reynolds learned the family received a phone call the next day and were told by a man they presumed was the policeman "about last night, you live in a beautiful world; don't do anything to upset it. Don't talk about what happened."

### Government interference

Reynolds believes this is an example of government interference to cover up any evidence of the existence of UFOs.

Abductions, according to Reynolds, seem to follow a similar pattern from country to country and person to person. "We have thousands of people in this world who claim to have been abducted. They got lost time in their life and claim to have been taken away. We hypno-regress them and they all tell the same story."

True research in this area is done by MUFON. And its members speak to each other na-

tionwide on shortwave radio every Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. eastern time to exchange information. Detailed manuals inform investigators how to investigate a case, and detailed questionnaires on encounters are filled out and put into a computer network to collate all available information on encounters.

Reynolds first became interested in UFOs as a child through Buck Rogers and Flash Gordon serials, and later in high school his interest in science led him to believe there was a possibility of life on other planets.

He recalls his first incident with the unknown in September of 1945 while he served in the Navy. He observed a bright white bluish star that moved in many directions and he wondered what it was. This interest led to his association with APRO (Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization) in Tucson, Ariz., where he served as an investigator from 1953 until the organization folded in 1987, whereupon he joined MUFON and continued his work.

### Most are sightings

Most UFO incidents, however, fall under the category of sightings.

The most spectacular sighting in this area was witnessed by many people from New York

to Maryland on Aug. 23, 1988. Observers saw a flash and then a vapor like trail which at first was believed to be a meteor shower, until it was seen to move horizontally.

In Reynolds' investigations, he interviewed two boys who witnessed more than anyone else. But due to their religious convictions, which interpret UFOs as demonic, they did not go public with their information.

The boys witnessed a military plane approach the object and fire a missile. Every other witness saw the object explode and a luminous cloud form in the area. But no one else saw the object come out of the cloud and take off. Later the boys witnessed several planes fly into the area of the object, possibly to investigate. And then witnessed a triangular plane, possibly a Delta wing, come in at a low altitude in the area.

Reynolds believes that the military was probably investigating the incident, but since the government doesn't officially recognize the existence of UFOs, it doesn't ever admit to such activity. He said the U.S. government has spent most of its time suppressing such information while appearing to clear it up.

### Famous 1947 case

Such government interfer-

ence, dramatized in the movie "Hanger 18," documented by MUFON and currently being investigated by Bob Exeter, a former mission specialist at NASA, can be traced back to an incident in Roswell, N.M. on July 7, 1947. A UFO crashed with at least four alien bodies and was witnessed by some 200 people. President Truman sent out a team to investigate, which included Secretary of Defense Forrestal. The bodies and ship were then placed into Hanger 18 at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton Ohio, and the government denies the existence of such an event despite the witnesses.

### Monitor device

The most current research in the UFO area has been done by people like George Reynolds. He and many others like him are using a device to monitor the electro-magnetic waves in their area, as a way of detecting UFO activity.

The device has a visual meter, an electronic compass and an output for a chart recorder or a feed for a computer. Rather than spend their time searching the skies they monitor their device looking for a rapid change in the field that UFOs create, which are often powerful enough to stop cars, interfere with radio transmissions, and have even been reported to rip off the corrugated iron roofs of homes in Africa.

Every day Reynolds records the measurements of the electro-magnetic field in his area and shares the information with MUFON members across the country. The device is experimental and its value as a UFO detector is still being determined.

Reynolds is the head of the local MUFON chapter in the Elkton area. His group meets periodically to discuss UFOs and says that in the future some meetings will be open to the public.

He is as passionate about this field, as his other more "acceptable" pursuits in archaeology and electronics and is considered by many to be an expert on the subject. But he does not pursue this field for recognition but rather, as Albert Einstein once said, he does it because "to investigate the unknown is the true love and joy of science."



Photo by Deny Howeth

George Reynolds checks his invention.

## UFO convention lands here to discuss close encounters

By Wes Young  
THE SALISBURY POST

Bringing stories of abduction, strange circles on the ground and other mysterious goings-on, some 100 UFO devotees had a close encounter with Salisbury on Sunday.

Meeting at the Agriculture Center on Old Concord Road, members of the Mutual UFO Network of North Carolina swapped theories and looked at drawings and photos of aliens and flying saucers.

Exhibits included a plaster cast of the head of an alien and the nude model of a space vixen said to have seduced a Brazilian farmer into otherworldly sex.

There were line drawings of UFO sightings in North Carolina and two full scrapbooks of news-

paper clippings going back to the 1950s.

Salisbury has had its share of UFO reports, club founder George Fawcett said, including a 1979 landing in the yard of Sam Martin.

Martin and his son were awakened during the night by a strange beeping sound coming from outside the house, Fawcett said. They got up to investigate, but then changed their minds and went back to bed.

The next morning, Martin said, they found a 12-foot circle impressed onto their front yard. Inside the ring were marks that they said appeared to have been left by the craft's landing gear.

Martin said he's seen UFOs as recently as Christmas of 1990.

"I was on Patterson Road near China Grove about 10 p.m.,"

Martin told a reporter. "It was basically just three big circles of light that turned from orange to white." He said he watched the UFOs fly in and out of formation. One of them zipped up and hovered, he said, remaining stationary as a star.

A Davie County man who wouldn't give his name hasn't been as lucky: He's been interested in UFOs since the 1950s but has yet to make his first sighting.

Like many UFO believers, the man wouldn't give his name for fear of being ridiculed. His wife claimed to have seen UFOs on two occasions.

Martin said people who believe in UFOs are more likely to have an encounter with one.

"Sometimes if you go looking for things, you find them," he said.



WES MILLER/THE SALISBURY POST

Display at this weekend's UFO convention in Salisbury included this plaster model of alien's head



# U.F.Os — Real or unreal

(Editor's note): The existence of UFOs is a very controversial subject. According to author Tom Kenny, numerous people would admit to seeing objects they felt were either of alien nature or some test by the United States government, but would not allow their testimony to be included in this article because they feared ridicule or being termed "a little off plumb."

I myself have never seen a UFO, but do not doubt their existence, being either alien crafts or experiments by our government. If the latter, I have no explanation for the sightings during biblical times or before man began flying.

by Tom Kenny

The following article tracks UFO sightings and contacts from writings in the Old Testament, to sightings prior to the Age of Aviation, to modern day UFO reports and finally sighting in the local area.

Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) or contact with beings from distant planets, has been believed almost since the beginning of recorded history.

That there were space ships and space men in ancient times is best exemplified by many writings in the Old Testament.

Who were the Giants the Scriptures speak of? Giants who lived before the flood. The Mighty Men of Old, Men of Renown.

"A Race of Giants of Arnak who were so monstrous a size, that the Israelites in comparison, were but grasshoppers." - Numbers 13:33

And who were the Sons of God, who took the daughters of men for wives?

Genesis 6:1-4 is most explicit on the subject:

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

Were these Sons of God, Spacemen?

Were the Titans of the Bible space travelers from some distant galaxy. The reference to each by name and their age at death surely indicates that they were not of this planet.

Adam - 930 years of age  
Seth - 912 years of age  
Cainan - 910 years of age  
Enos - 905 years of age  
Mahalaleel - 895 years of age  
Jared - 962 years of age  
Methuselah - 969 years of age  
Noah - 950 years of age

There are some who attempt to discredit the Bible by claiming that the Holy Book meant months, not years. But the Bible stated years and years is correct. For in Genesis 6: "...My spirit shall not always strive with men, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years."

This is man's allotted five score and twenty. It doesn't refer to months. When the Bible says months, it means months.

The Bible speaks of extra-terrestrials in Genesis 6: 1,2 & 4.

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2. That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

4. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

How does one explain the departure of Elijah, in 2Kings 2:11?

"And it came to pass as they went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven"

And then there is the wheel within a wheel described by Ezekiel and the following sightings within the past hundred or so years.

Two Giant Luminous Wheels

Two giant luminous wheels, estimated to be about 130 feet in diameter, were observed in the sky over the Persian Gulf by the crew of the Steamship, Venture, on 15th of May 1879.

The following year the crew of the Steamer, Patna, sighted wheels of a similar type in the sky and in the same area of the Persian Gulf as the sighting of the crew of the Venture.

A large rotating wheel was sighted in the sky over the Persian Gulf by members of the crew of a British ship in 1901 and in 1909 a similar observation was reported by the Captain of a Danish ship in the China Sea.

These observations are much the same as that of Ezekiel 1:16 in the Old Testament: - "The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a Beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel."

Sodom and Gomorrah

That Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by an Atomic Explosion

Gen. 19:11 - "The Strangers smote the men with blindness." Were these Strangers Extraterrestrials?

Gen. 19:17 - One of the Angels said, "Escape for your life, look not behind thee, neither thou in all the plain, escape to the mountain lest thou be consumed."

Were they Angels from outer space and were warning Lot and his family in an effort to save their lives?

Was Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed by Space Aliens? All indications are that the cities were destroyed by an Atomic Explosion.

The instructions given to Lot would be no different today. Leave at once. Take refuge in the mountains. Do not look.

Gen. 19:28 - And Abraham looked towards Sodom and Gomorrah and towards the land of the plains and beheld the smoke as the smoke of a furnace. This would indicate an Atomic "mushroom cloud."

Moving from Biblical times to the 12th Century we note an interesting incident:

William of Newburgh's Chronicle reported the sighting of a UFO in England in the late 12th Century.

"At Begeland Abbey in North Yorkshire, while the Abbot and Monks were in the Refectory, a flat, round, shining, silvery disk flew over the Abbey and caused the utmost of terror."

Space Ship Crashes

John W. Ellis, owner of the Ellis ranch located in Dundly County, Nebraska, and several of his cowboys were branding cattle in the north section of the ranch when they witnessed the crash of a starship on June 6, 1884.

The men heard a loud whirling or roaring noise overhead. Looking up the men saw a flaming object hurtling toward the ground, and crashing just beyond a small rise.

The group quickly rode to the crash site. There they found, scattered over a wide area, parts of a cigar shaped airship and pieces of machinery that were still intensely hot.

This strange craft had hit the ground and skidded for more than half a mile, leaving a trail of machinery and metal in its wake.

The ground around the wreckage was white hot and bubbling like a lava flow. One of the cowboys approached the wreckage and was severely burned and hospitalized. An account of the wreck

was reported in "The Nebraska Nugget."

The main section of the airship had come to rest in a ravine. Sand in the area, where the craft first hit, was fused into glass over an area of approximately 20 feet in width and over 30 feet in length.

Cowboys from the neighboring ranches visited the crash site and for hours the wreckage continued to give off intense heat which prevented anyone from getting close to the wreck.

The next day, Brand Inspector, E.W. Rawlins, Alf Williamson a local rancher and others inspected the site and were able to get a closer look at parts of the wreck which were some distance from the main part of the still white-hot wreckage.

An inspection showed that the craft had been cylindrical in shape, about 60 feet long and 12 feet in diameter.

The Lincoln Daily Journal speculated, "that the craft no doubt was from another planet."

Aliens are still flying over the Dundly County area twelve years after the crash of one of their space ships.

From The Hebron Journal (Kansas) 26th February, 1897.

"For several weeks the state papers have been mentioning the appearance of a supposed air ship which has been visible only at night, The State Journal has the following:

"People of Beatrice, Wymore and Hastings were excited last night over the appearance of a strange light about half a mile above ground. The light was kite shaped and the color of a lantern. It was visible to the people of Beatrice for a time. Then it would recede to appear again more plainly at some other point. It was proceeding in a northern direction. It was seen about 10:40 at Beatrice.

At Hastings it seemed to be about half a mile above ground and was moving towards the Kansas line. They were unable to tell anything about the ship back of it, but all seemed to be of the opinion that it must be the cigar shaped vessel which was discovered at Inavale a few weeks ago."

More than a hundred people saw the strange craft.

And in Edina, Missouri we have a close encounter of the fourth kind.

The Charleston News and Courier reports:

"At Edina, Missouri on November 23, 1886, a man and his three sons were pulling corn on a farm. Something flashed from the sky. The man was slightly injured, one son was killed, the other seriously injured, the third disappeared."

The British Academy reported in April 9, 1876, the explosion of a highly luminous object in the sky over Bohemia. The glare was said to have been as bright as the sun and immediately after the flash was a detonation that lasted for nearly two minutes.

The following day there was a similar explosion approximately 250 miles from the first.

Astronomers investigating the phenomenon have determined that the source of the explosions came from nearly the same points in the sky. It appears that the explosions originated in the constellation Cassiopeia, with only 2 degrees difference in the right ascension and absolutely no difference in declination. The constellation Cassiopeia is not too distant from Earth.

One might speculate that the inhabitants of Cassiopeia developed the Atomic Bomb, one hundred years before us, and vaporized themselves before our very eyes.

In 1896 and 1897 there were dozens of reports of strange flying lights and cigar shaped crafts in U.S. newspapers.

In February of 1897 reports of a strange craft and mysterious lights in the night skies issued from many parts of Nebraska. By March, sightings were made in

neighboring Kansas. In April, more than 10,000 residents of Kansas City, Missouri, watched a large black airship hovering in the sky over that city. The object appeared very swiftly, then appeared to stop and hover over the city for ten minutes at a time, then after flashing green-blue and white lights, shot upwards into space.

"In July 1896 a railroad mail clerk named Crotsenberg, reported a round light that floated about 100 feet above the ground, suddenly rose to a great height and went off in a northerly direction. This sighting occurred while the train he was on was traveling northward out of Trenton, Missouri" - Monthly Weather Review.

"On the night of April 2nd 1897 there were mysterious lights in the skies over Kansas City. The lights are much like a very powerful searchlight. The light was beamed down to the ground from some sort of airship, moving at a rapid rate of speed." - New York Sun.

"During the night of April 9th 1897, lights were seen over the northwest section of Chicago. Thousands of spectators claimed the lights were on an airship or some object traveling miles above the earth." - New York Herald.

This might be the same airship that was sighted over Kansas City the week before.

Neosho Rapids, Kansas:

Alexander Hamilton, reported in 1890 that an airship descended from the skies to gather up one of his fat helters and sailed away with it. He even swore he could see the people in the airship as it departed.

About a century ago the State of Alabama received its share of UFO sightings:

"An object shaped like a cone was seen flying through the air leaving a trail of fire and smoke and making a roar like a speeding train. The force of it passing overhead, knocked down small trees, small buildings, and smashed windows and fences. The citizens of Birmingham, Alabama were in a state of near-panic. The authorities were as bewildered as the people." Birmingham Morning News, 7th December 1872.

This is not the account of a hysterical individual which can be written off as a hallucination. Here we have hundreds of witnesses and physical evidence. Damage to property, which can not be denied, is surely conclusive evidence that a rocket propelled airship passed over Birmingham on that day in 1872. But, no one in this world had a rocket ship; no one had an airplane.

There are more than 200 billion stars in our own Galaxy, the Milky Way. It has been estimated that within our Galaxy there may be a million stars on which intelligent life exists.

BEACON, Warwick, RI - June 18, 1991

## Police Log

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Police Log is compiled from reports of the Warwick Police Department for the period of Thursday, June 13, through Monday, June 17.

**UFO SIGHTING:** A woman visiting from New Hampshire reported to the police that she witnessed an unidentified flying object heading in an easterly direction from Hoxsie. The UFO was cylindrical with eight lights along its border, she told police. Police report that she did not see any alien creatures. The police notified the Phenomenal Research Institution of Seattle of the sighting.

CR: D. McGowan

# Unidentified Flying Objects — Real or unreal

Do you think we are the only ones?

That we are the only ones would be like saying, "I have a farm outside Brunswick, Missouri and this is the only farm in all the world." You might think that if you had never been off your farm in your entire life and were not acquainted with your neighbors.

We have never been off this Earth (except for a short trip to the moon) and we surely do not know any of our Galactic Neighbors.

In 1968 the National Security Agency approached the question of UFOs.

They released the following document entitled, "UFO Hypothesis and Survival Questions."

"If the global incidence of UFOs is imaginary, then a human mental aberration of alarming proportions would appear to be developing.

If UFOs are hallucinations, then man's ability to distinguish reality from

fantasy is brought into question.

If UFOs are secret earthy projects, then the ability of our early-warning systems to correctly diagnose an air attack is in doubt.

If UFOs are extraterrestrial, the source is probably our technological superior, and our planet is subject to conquest.

All these hypotheses have serious survival implications."

The increasing number of UFO sightings motivated the United States Government to form Project Blue Book.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer who served for 20 years as a consultant for the United States Air Force's Project Blue Book, divided reports on UFOs into the following categories:

1. Sightings of UFOs at a distance of more than 500 feet.

A. Nocturnal Lights - Lights that cannot be explained in terms of conventional light source.

B. Daylight Disks - 'Oval' or saucer-like metallic-appearing objects.

C. Radar Visuals - Unidentified blips on radar screens that confirm simultaneous visual sightings.

2. Sightings of UFOs at a distance of less than 500 feet.

A. Close Encounters of the First Kind - in which there is no interaction between the UFO and the environment.

B. Close Encounters of the Second Kind - Those having some interaction, such as interference with car ignition systems, burns on the ground, and physical effects upon animals or humans.

C. Close Encounters of the Third Kind - Those in which UFO occupants from outer space are reportedly seen.

D. Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Those in which personal contact is made with UFO occupants from outer space.

On March 18th, 1950 the entire population of Farmington, New Mexico, of some 5,000 people, including the mayor, newspapermen, and Highway Patrolmen, watched hundreds of strange objects performing aerial acrobatics in the sky for more than an hour in the late morning. Some of the objects, described as space ships, streaked overhead at speeds estimated to be more than 1,000 miles per hour and participated in group formation flying. The UFOs disappeared before noon, but returned again in the late afternoon. Newspapermen reported .... "Incredible maneuverability and acute control in split timing by their ability to avoid collisions."

Date - Ravenna, Ohio. 5:15 a.m., 17 April, 1966

Four policemen took part in an hour long chase after a brightly lit object "as big as a house."

Deputy Sheriffs Dale Spaur and Wilbur Neff saw a very large object coming towards them low over the woods. The UFO was so brightly lit they were forced to look down. As it hovered overhead, making a humming noise, the two policemen dove under their car for protection. In a few minutes the UFO departed and Spaur called headquarters to report the incident. He was told to pursue the object.

The craft was flying slowly, heading for the Pennsylvania State Line. Spaur and Neff chased it for some 40 miles when they met Officer Wayne Huston, who also had the craft in sight. He watched the ship pass overhead and joined the pursuit.

Officer Huston stated in his report:

I watched it go right overhead. As near as I can describe it, it was shaped like an ice-cream cone. The point of the cone was underneath; the top was like a dome. Spaur and Neff came down the road right after it. I fell in behind them. We were going eighty to eighty-five miles an hour...It was straight ahead.

The two cars chased after the craft for another 40 miles when they saw another police car parked by the road. Officer

Frank Panzenella, standing by his car, was watching the UFO in amazement. He later said he had been observing the object for about 10 minutes.

Officer Panzenella's statement:

"It was very bright and about twenty-five to thirty feet in diameter. The object moved out...and went straight up real fast at about 3,500 feet. It continued to go upward until it got as small as a ballpoint pen. We all four watched the object shoot straight up and disappear.

The four officers' sworn statements matched in all details.

By the mid 1960s the interest in UFOs was soaring and more and more sightings were being reported.

A Gallup Poll survey taken in 1968 showed that more than 5,000,000 Americans were convinced that they personally had seen flying saucers and 46 percent of U.S. adults were convinced UFOs were real.

Even President Carter reported a UFO sighting:

On January 6th, 1969, President Carter, who was at that time the Governor of Georgia, was standing outdoors, preparing to address the local Lions Club at Leary, Georgia at about 7:15 p.m.

"I am convinced that UFOs exist because I've seen one. It was a very peculiar aberration, but about 20 people saw it. It was the darndest thing I've ever seen. It was big, it was very bright; it changed colors; and it was about the size of the moon. We watched it for 10 minutes, but none of us could figure out what it was.

UFOs land at Delphos, Kansas On the evening of November 2nd, 1971, a space craft landed at Delphos, Kansas.

Ronald Johnson age 16, while tending sheep on his father's farm near Delphos saw a mushroom-shaped object hovering within two feet of the ground.

The craft was highly illuminated and was estimated to be about 25 feet in diameter. The UFO was only 75 feet from young Johnson.

Johnson said, "The craft sounded like an old washing machine which vibrates."

An intense light issued from its base prior to take off, temporarily blinded Johnson. He called his parent. The whole family came outside and all witnessed the craft in flight and quickly vanish from sight.

Witnesses stated that the ground below the hovering UFO contained a "Glowing ring" and surrounding trees contained a strange luminescence.

The glowing ring had a crusty surface and upon examination it was found that the ground beneath the ring was impermeable to water and dry to a depth of more than one foot.

In 1973 the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) was founded by astronomer Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who had been the scientific consultant for the U.S. Government's Project Blue Book.

By 1982 his organization had amassed a computerized list of over 70,000 sightings of UFOs from all over the world. It was found that about 80 percent of the sightings were readily explained; the remaining 20 percent were not easily explained and remain subject to further investigation.

Next week: The final series, including sightings by local area citizens.

BRUNSWICKER, Brunswick, MO - May 9, 1991

Final in a series by Tom Kenny

## Unidentified Flying Objects - real or unreal

Sightings by residents of Charlton County:

Your author has never seen an Unidentified Flying Object. What he has seen is an Identified Space Craft.

One night about midnight, nearly forty years ago, I was standing in front of my house and heard a loud noise, similar to a fast freight train, passing overhead.

Looking up I saw a huge rectangular shaped craft, passing directly overhead at a high rate of speed. I could only see the bottom of the craft, which contained of hundreds of yellow lights. I could not determine the altitude of the craft nor the size. There was a body above the banks of lights but it was unlit and appeared as a dark mass of undetermined form.

This strange craft was in view for only five or six seconds.

I never saw a space craft again until October of this past year... I was walking my dog, at the rear of the Brunswick office, at about 10 p.m. The sky was exceptionally clear, except for two small strings of dark grey clouds which appeared to outline an opening in that portion of the sky.

Looking towards the west I noticed some bright lights heading to the east. I presumed it to be a plane coming out of Kansas City Airport. As the craft reached a point nearly overhead, I realized it was not a plane. There were rows of hundreds of yellow lights beneath the ship. I was able to see a large form above the lights which was the super-structure of the craft. This huge bulk was unlit but it was gigantic. I was able to distinguish the form because of the bright sky and the moonlight. The bottom of the craft was rectangular. The upper structure was cylindrical. This craft looked exactly like the one I had seen forty years before.

The space ship continued east. I continued to watch the yellow lights.

Then it appeared to enter a point somewhere between the two strings of grey clouds. It entered what I believe to be an opening, and then, it suddenly disappeared.

There is no question in my mind. I saw the same type craft on two occasions, forty years apart.

What I saw were two space ships. Not from this planet, but surely from some other planet.

Bob Morrison relates an encounter with an UFO while driving north on 1435, approximately 5 miles south of Kansas City.

"There was no doubt about it being a flying object. It emitted a very bright, flashing white light as it traveled at a speed which took it from horizon to horizon in seconds.

It was not an airplane as it had no FAA required night running lights and it was traveling at a speed no airplane could equal.

It was not a meteor, as meteors do not emit flashing lights which pulse intermittently. I know it was something I had never seen in thirty years of close association with all types of aircraft.

I saw an Unidentified Flying Object."

Doctor Lynn Crawford tells of a strange encounter his father had on their old farm in Kansas.

Dr. Crawford's father was awakened one night by some very bright lights out in the pasture. He thought it was teenagers fooling around and went back to sleep.

The next morning he found one cow dissected with certain parts surgically removed by what he described as "done by something sharper than a surgical scalpel."

The elder Crawford had seen cattle butchered and cut up, but what was done to his cow was not done by a butcher or a farmer; it was done by a skilled surgeon.

No tire tracks or footprints were found anywhere near the cow.

For a while he regretted not getting up and investigating the activity in the pasture, but in giving it some more thought, he believed staying in bed was the wisest thing he could have done.

Bill and Eva Fox report a sighting of a UFO, which occurred four years ago this past spring.

While driving home, north of Keytesville, Missouri, they saw an amazingly bright orange ball which rose over the tree tops and headed northerly, then came down and moved to the northeast which brought the strange object close to their home.

At first Bill thought it was the moon he had sighted, but the moon never made moves like this ball did.

The ball finally went straight down to the ground.

The following morning, Bill searched the area for signs of the strange craft, but could find none.

Both Bill and Eva witnessed this unusual ball or craft, but neither of them had any idea what this yellow ball could have been.

It is believed the smaller UFOs are shuttle-craft that scout the Earth's surface and come from a larger Mother Ship.

One of these shuttle-craft may have been the yellow ball that Bill and Eva Fox sighted.

Wilbur Jenkins and his wife were returning home from Carrollton on Wednesday night, November 7th, 1990.

A few miles west of Brunswick at 10:05 p.m. Mr. Jenkins saw what first appeared to be a large full moon, low in the sky, and situated just to the north of Brunswick.

"Look at that moon," Wilbur exclaimed, "I never saw a moon that big." His wife agreed.

Jenkins thought they would be able to see it more clearly when they crossed over the bridge outside of Brunswick, but the object which was traveling east, just disappeared.

Wilbur said the object appeared to be three or four times larger than a normal size full moon.

There was only a partial moon on the

night of November 7th.

A man and his wife were traveling just behind the Jenkins car. They also witnessed this sighting and saw the object traveling to the east according to Mr. Jenkins.

Other witnesses to the sighting of this mystery craft were Charles Kuhler and his wife, Mildred.

Charlie said they were a short distance west of Brunswick when they saw the biggest moon they ever witnessed in their entire lives. It was traveling low and when it got further down the road it changed direction.

It was in the wrong position in the sky to be the moon. It was very low to the ground. There appeared to be orange flames around it and it suddenly disappeared.

There must have been other people who saw this strange object. If any of our readers sighted this strange object write and tell us about it..The Editor.

## Fungus, not UFO blamed for odd rings

A fungus known to be a cause of UFO landings reports has been spotted in the Lawton area, according to officials, causing at least one man to believe a UFO may have landed.

The fungus, "fairy ring," causes circular patterns to appear in grassy areas, mostly Bermuda grass, said Jim Coe, Oklahoma State University county extension agriculture agent for Comanche County.

A man who lives near Elgin

told a Comanche County sheriff's deputy about the rings Saturday, the deputy said. Apparently, the man told officials he thought a UFO had landed.

The deputy took samples of the area to Coe who confirmed it was not a UFO landing pattern, but in fact the fairy ring.

The fungus is caused by dead thatch or wood and occurs mostly during wet weather, Coe said. The Lawton area has been deluged with rain in recent weeks.

The only way to get rid of the fungus is to remove the source, he said.

Another patch was confirmed about a month ago in the Meadow Green housing addition in the Porter Hill area, Coe said.



# NEWS

## THE DAY THE CAREER STOOD STILL Look! Up in the air! It's a UFO job-discrimination suit!

BY WARD HARKAVY

Ask people about Bob Dean, and they'll tell you that the 62-year-old retired military man has been a hardworking and highly respected member of Pima County's emergency-services office for the past thirteen years.

Even his boss, Sheriff Clarence Dupnik, says Dean is out of this world. But that's exactly Bob Dean's problem.

Dean accuses the sheriff and other county officials of failing to name him as Pima County's top emergency-services official because of Dean's interest in UFOs.

Does Dean, a veteran of 27 years in the Army, believe in unidentified flying objects? He replies, "That's like asking me whether I believe in Boeing 747s. I've seen military documents about UFOs. I was assigned to NATO, had top-secret clearance and I read studies about them."

Dean, who's affiliated with a couple of networks of UFO buffs, makes no attempt to hide his interest in the subject.

"But I'm not a flake," he says. "I've not been one of these people who runs around wearing little hats and tee shirts and go off to all these strange conventions. . . . I don't run off on little tangents and talk about little green men, and I have a right to the damn job because I earned it."

Whatever is going on up in the sky, Sheriff Dupnik is taking a drubbing down on the surface of the planet.

Dean has filed suit in Pima County Superior Court, alleging violation of his right to free speech and also accusing the county of age/gender bias (a charge supported by the results of county and state probes).

The national magazine *UFO* calls the case "perhaps the first lawsuit of its kind." And when it comes to UFO buffs, count former Attorney General Bob

Corbin as a sympathizer.

"People have a right to believe in whatever they want to believe," says Corbin, who makes no secret of his own avid interest in such subjects as the legendary Lost Dutchman gold mine. "I have an interest in UFOs, too. I don't know whether I 'believe' in them or not. But I'm sure interested in them. It's fun. Does that make me not qualified to be attorney general?"

That's a sentiment echoed by Karen Paulsen, Dean's top rival for the position, who describes him as a "highly competent professional who's deserving of the job." Paulsen says, "He's interested in UFOs; I'm interested in antiques. He pursues his interest on his own time. Why should it matter?"

More than a year ago, Dean finished No. 2 to Paulsen in a formal competition for the job. Despite county procedures, after Paulsen turned down the post,

### Do you believe in UFOs? "That's like asking me whether I believe in Boeing 747s."

Dean never was offered it. The current boss wasn't even a candidate for the job, and in fact, served on the panel that gave Dean his lofty ranking.

The lawsuit is a long way from a trial date, but just last week, the civil-rights division of the Arizona Attorney General's Office told Dean it had decided there is "reasonable cause to believe that discrimination has occurred" on the age/gender issue. A Pima County investigation already had produced a similar finding.

The results of the attorney general's investigation are still confidential, and assistant attorney general Heather Sigworth won't comment. Officials in the Sheriff's Department aren't talking

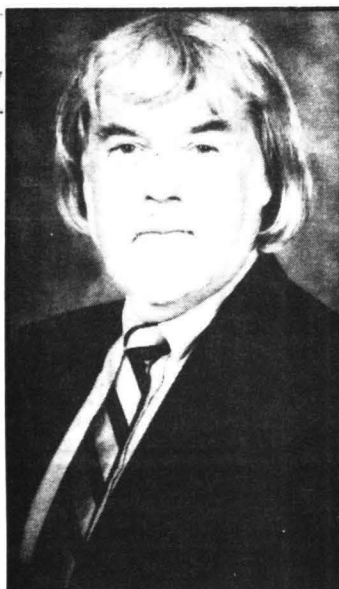


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"I don't run off on little tangents and talk about little green men," says Bob Dean, "and I have a right to the damn job because I earned it."

about the case, either. "Our official comment is that we won't comment," says Sergeant Rick Kastigar.

But one theory, according to a source close to the case, is that Dupnik wanted to hire a woman for the job, but couldn't cite Dean's gender or age as a reason for not offering him the post after Paulsen turned it down. According to this scenario, Dupnik decided to cite Dean's interest in UFOs. That has left the door open for Dean and his attorney, Ron Stolk, to claim that Dupnik is violating Dean's First Amendment right to free speech.

A key piece of evidence in the case is Dupnik's sworn testimony last January 9 to the attorney general's civil-rights investigators. In Dupnik's statement, according to Stolk, the sheriff said of Dean: "Here's a person who in my opinion has an unusual belief. I am not saying a person can't believe whatever they want to believe, and there are a whole lot of well-thought-of people—scientists included—who happen to believe in UFOs. I don't happen to be one of those people."

"And in my judgment, I am not saying it detracts, but it's just something I



Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik says Bob Dean's interest in UFOs is "not the kind of image we want to project."

wouldn't want our organization to be identified with for a variety of reasons. And when I have one of my top-level people on TV on a fairly regular basis because every time this [UFO] issue arises in the community, the press knows here's a guy willing to go on camera and say things about UFOs, who will go out and investigate these incidents in the community and they identify him as a ranking member of my organization.

"And in my judgment that is not desirable from a professional standpoint. Not the kind of image we want to project. And that is one of the reasons I won't hire Robert Dean in that particular capacity [as emergency-services director]."

Dean denies that he keeps a high profile in UFO investigations around the Tucson area. He says he was surprised that Dupnik even knew of his interest in the subject.

"If I were out here on the street making a damn fool out of myself and being on the front page of the papers and being on television and acting like an idiot, yes, I can see where the sheriff might find that that would be troublesome," says Dean. "But a bunch of people decided, having examined my credentials and my having gone through the entire hiring process, that I was qualified enough to be No. 2 on a list of final selectees. They must have determined that my professional capabilities were the things they were looking at."

Stolk says he gave the sheriff's office "an opportunity to resolve this case with no embarrassment" but that "the word from on high—the sheriff—is 'no deal.'"

Well, Dean says, he's not giving ground, either.

"I'm an old retired command sergeant major, and I didn't take this easily," Dean says. "It really angered the hell out of me." With a chuckle, he adds, "I have since kind of settled down. I've copied a little cartoon out of a newspaper, with an old guru telling a guy, 'Simply sit there, center yourself and sue the bastards.'"

While the legal battle continues, Dean still works as an emergency plans and operations officer and the city/county radiological training officer. Among his duties, Dean trains deputies, cops and fire inspectors and responds to hazardous-material spills.

And he must be doing something right: Last month, Dean's peers gave him an "Excellence in Emergency Management Award" at the annual training conference of the Arizona Emergency Services Association. □

SENIOR TRIBUNE, Portland, OR - June 1991

## Through the years UFO's have attracted attention, curiosity

As I was going up the stair  
I met a man who wasn't there.  
He wasn't there again today —  
Oh, how I wish he'd go away.

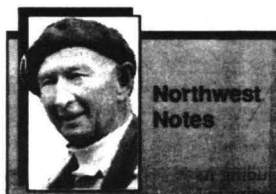
ANON.

That's the way it is with UFO's. After 44 years no one has produced one. But they refuse to go away.

I was working the night shift at The Oregonian newsroom June 24, 1947, the day that Kenneth Arnold, then 32, triggered the UFO avalanche. He reported seeing saucer-like objects so bright that they blinded him flying between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams at 1200 miles an hour. He said first there was one, undulating like a fish, then it split into three, then nine, then merged back into one and vanished.

He didn't report them to aeronautical radio stations at the time. But when he landed in Pendleton, Associated Press put a bulletin on the wire. The story spread like wildfire.

THE SAUCER'S reported speed of 1200 miles an hour was twice the official world's speed record of 647 miles an hour, had recently been set by a U.S. Air Force P80. Some "experts" speculated that Arnold had seen a secret new Army fighter plane. Others speculated that it was a mirage or optical illusion.



Leverett G. Richards

Other pilots were in the vicinity, including United Air Lines captain C.J. Smith who was flying a DC3 over the route. But none of them saw the "saucers." Later, on July 8, captain Smith reported that as he approached Boise, he saw flying saucers flying just off his left wing. He said first there was one, then five, then they vanished suddenly. He said his co-pilot and stewardess Marty Morrow also saw it. The passengers all said they saw nothing.

Within a few days mass hysteria swept the country. Everyone from Seattle to Kansas City and Miami to Matanuska was seeing flying saucers. UFOs were reported skimming over Portland, Vancouver and Woodland. Every new UFO headline triggered a deluge of additional sightings.

ONE TEXAS PREACHER de-

clared this was a portent of the second coming of Christ. The Rev. Lester Carlson, La Grande Gospel pastor, issued a public statement declaring that the saucers signaled the end of the world.

On July 5 Oregonian reporter Paul Ewing took off from an Oregon City airstrip in a light plane flown by a private pilot to chase reported UFOs, but wound up "disc-gusted."

I'll reluctantly admit that I, too, briefly flew "UFO patrol." While on a night training flight in an Air Force C46 twin-engine transport we responded to reports of a flying saucer over Portland, but found only a lighted weather balloon, released by the meteorologists to measure winds aloft.

By July 7 Air National Guard pilots at Portland Air Base, Boise and Spokane were patrolling the skies for the elusive saucers, with negative results.

THE SAUCER SCARE later turned serious when saucer believers claimed that an Idaho National Guard pilot had been shot down by a UFO.

Investigators reported that two jet fighter pilots, without oxygen, had scrambled to chase a reported UFO. The wing man broke off when he reached 15,000 feet and returned to base. The flight leader continued to climb until he passed out from lack of oxygen and crashed.

Controllers in the tower identified the "UFO" as the planet Venus.

Arnold later said he believed the objects he saw were living beings, with a round, pulsating heart in the middle of their backs. The last time I saw Arnold, years later, he came into the Oregonian newsroom and said he was searching for little green men from Mars about two feet high. He said you find them in the shrubs at the edge of your garden.

Finally, in the late 1960s, the Air Force contracted with Edward Condon, a recognized authority on physics, to investigate the UFO phenomenon in Project Blue Book. After studying hundreds of reports the scientists explained all but a handful of incidents as natural phenomenon — lights of airplanes, helicopters, balloons, mirages and optical illusions. Physicists pointed out that nothing but a beam of light could dash across the sky at thousands of miles an hour and change course 90 or 180 degrees instantly as some UFOs were reported to do.

THE FACT that a handful of incidents could not be explained does not mean that they involved little purple people-eaters from Pluto. That was the conclusion of Robert J. Low, project coordinator, who later became assistant to the president of Portland State University.

Over the years UFOs faded out of the headlines, but the surveys indicate that some 15 million Americans still believe in them and their alien passengers from outer space. Scores of believers

still report being kidnapped by extra-terrestrial beings. One woman claimed that she was raped aboard a flying saucer and gave birth to a 42-pound dog child.

UFO sightings may go on forever. No proof of the existence of creatures from outer space has yet been submitted. But how do you prove that something isn't there if it isn't there?

# Sightings of UFO's explained

By JANICE DURHAM  
Staff Writer

Strange lights in the night sky alarmed and bewildered residents in the Draytonville Community last night for several hours.

Residents first reported seeing a strange light around 5 p.m. and, as night fell, the unidentified light source drew several spectators out of their homes to gaze into the heavens. The talk of a UFO brought other passers-by to the area.

"It was a great big blue light that looked like something was shooting out of it," said Nancy Steen of Killian Drive off Highway 105. "It was between East Jr. High and Draytonville ... I had never seen anything like it ... most wierd looking thing I've ever seen in my life. I kept thinking little green men would start flying."

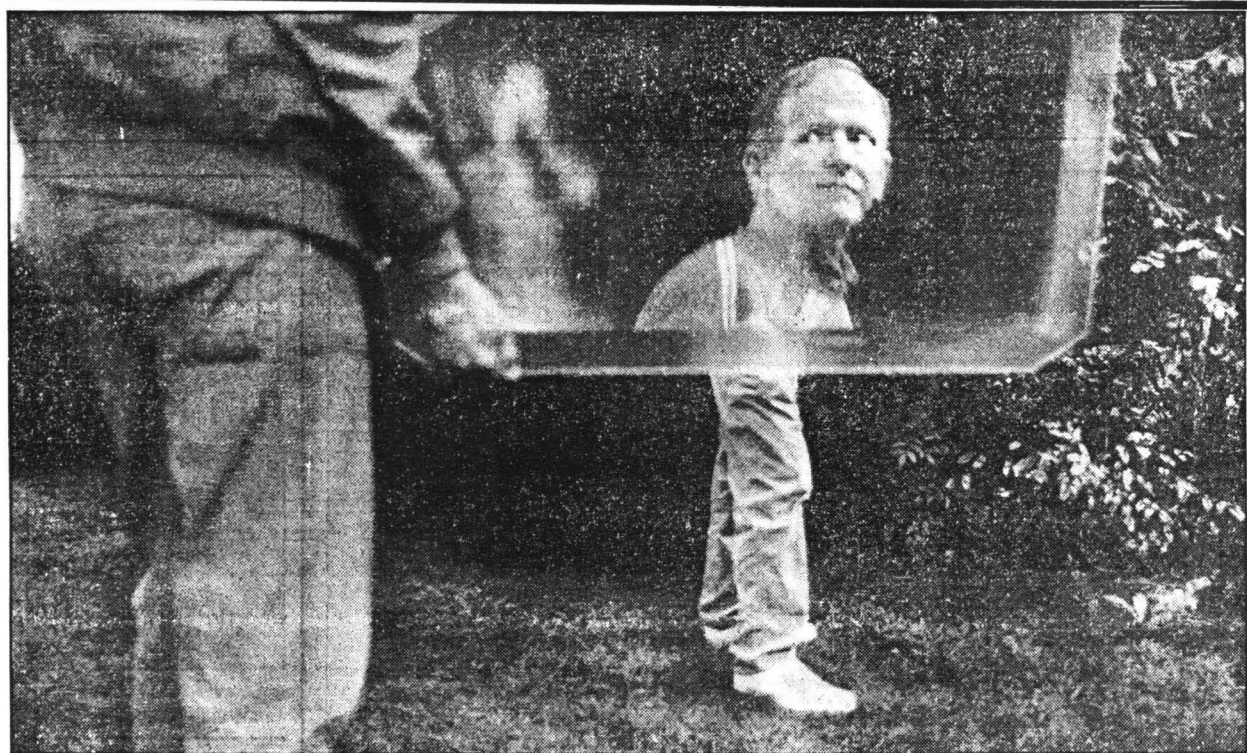
"We watched it until about 12, trying to figure this thing out," said Steen, who took to the street in her car to look for the origin of the mysterious beam.

Ledger photographer Steve Earley was on the scene and went back to the area this morning to investigate further. He found a recently-erected mobile telephone service tower at the end of Frye Road (see photo on this page) off Highway 105 that was probably the source of the confusion.

The Cherokee County Sheriff's Department nor the Gaffney Police Department have record of any calls concerning UFOs last night, dispatchers said this morning, but reporters' lines did stay busy until well past midnight.

The sighting was in very close proximity to a spot near Draytonville Baptist Church where residents claimed to see UFO's for several nights in a row during the later 1960's. At that time, large groups of people would gather in the Draytonville area to watch the strange lights appear and then disappear in the night sky. That sighting was also in early summer and has never been officially explained.

UFO sightings have not been uncommon in Cherokee County but it has been a number of years since any significant number were reported.



John Foster says he was devastated by his encounters and abductions by UFOs (unidentified flying objects). He is photographed here through a screen that is used to enlarge the video images for the audience at the UFO open house at Camp Long yesterday.

## UFO experiences hit common chord

### Support groups can lend an ear

by Carol M. Ostrom  
Times staff reporter

Imagine this: You're an average, middle-aged engineer and builder, a father, husband and resident of a traditional-values town in Nebraska. Over a short period of time, you come to realize you've spent the last five decades of your life being intermittently abducted and studied by aliens.

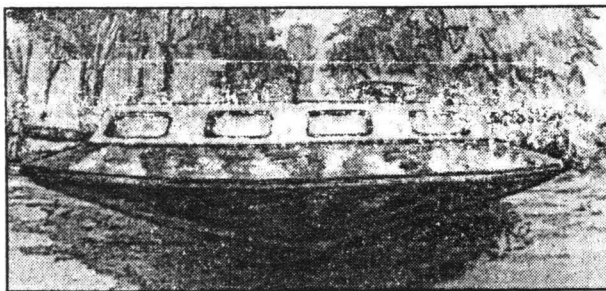
Quick — what do you say to your wife? And if you're the wife, what do you reply?

John Foster doesn't remember what he said exactly. His wife remembers a little more. "I laid in bed and said, 'Oh yeah?'" she recalls.

Foster does remember the fear he experienced when the memories began to pound a crack in the mental wall he believes aliens erected to prevent him from remembering.

Slowly, he says, he remembered thousands of encounters, and even the size and shapes of the ships or enclosures into which he was taken. He remembered an examining table, an alien with a wig ("To make you more at ease," she told him) and conversations with extraterrestrials who called themselves the "monitors of the Earth."

The emerging memories shattered him. "I was completely devastated," he remembers. "I had to change my concept of what reality was."



Foster's drawing of the UFO in which he says he was a passenger.

Coming out isn't easy for those who have spent years in the UFO closet, and Foster, now 53, says he's deeply grateful for the support he finally found in groups such as Seattle's UFO Contact Center International.

At an open house yesterday at West Seattle's Camp Long, the UFO Contact Center's director and founder, Aileen Bringle, said her group acts primarily to help people "examine and assimilate their traumatic abduction experiences."

That might include hypnosis or group support, said Bringle, who started the group after what she believes was an other-world encounter in 1953, when she awoke from a nap in a car being driven by her husband to find the nighttime Oregon landscape fully illuminated by bright green lights.

Now there are 17 centers around the U.S., and the local group holds two meetings every month — one open to the public. (For more information, call 946-2248.)

Wearing a silver mylar top and UFO earrings, Bringle isn't shy about her work. She explained that she has become a hypnotist, working with those who have had "abduction experiences" to help them recall — the first step to assimilating.

"They get depressed. It's a whole change of life, a change in the way you see everything," she said.

After John Foster began remembering his experiences, he looked for others who had had similar encounters, he remembers. "I couldn't find anybody. I almost went crazy," he says.

"For over a year, I thought I was the only one in the universe who had this knowledge."

His wife, Annie, believed him but couldn't really offer much, she says. "Even as much as I care about John, I couldn't really understand. I could support and empathize, but I couldn't really understand it," she says.

Finally, he found a group simi-

about his regular Skywatches by car phone when the sighting occurred.

It apparently lasted five seconds and was viewed by at least eight people, including a journalist, a chemical engineer and a real estate developer. During the sighting, a bright white light separated into one red and one white light.

Oechsler is a regular contributor on UFO topics to the radio show and has been used as an expert on the subject by both ABC and Japanese television.

Information: (301) 356-6216.



## WHY ASK RYE?

Tere Kristovich and Kit McCray have turned their summer vacation into a grand obsession.

While traveling in England last year, the two women visited several crop circles, mysterious formations that pop up overnight in grain fields. Wheat, rye and other grassy crops are found cleanly bent into strange patterns, not only circles but also dumbbells, arrows and lines hundreds of feet long; in recent years, some have been found with the plants intricately woven together. No cereal killers, the formations leave the plants undamaged and last until the crop is harvested or dies back in the winter.

The first crop circle to be documented was drawn by artists in seventeenth-century Europe, but they are now found all over the world. Last year, more than 400 were reported in southern England alone, where the enigmatic patterns are becoming as common as fish-and-chip shops.

While a handful of scientists are actively studying the strange phenomenon, Kristovich and McCray wonder why it hasn't captured the rest of the world's imagination.

Perhaps that's because much of the debate on the origin of the circles has come from the fringe, new-age nonsense that attributes the circles to UFOs or supernatural beings. People find the circles easy to dismiss, admits Kristovich, a Louisville psychotherapist, because many of the theories surrounding them are, well, goofy.

Still, she points out, the circles are as real as they are unexplainable. Unlike the Abominable Snowman or the Bermuda Triangle, the crop circles



photograph by Gary Isaacs

Cereal thrillers: Kit McCray and Tere Kristovich love going round in crop circles.

are easily photographed, touched and visited. There's no denying they exist.

"Don't you think it's odd that something this widespread and prolific is hardly discussed in the news? Maybe it's because people don't feel safe to say what's on their minds," says McCray, a Boulder nurse. "But there's also a great deal of freedom in asking the bigger questions."

After their trip, Kristovich and McCray formed Wider Circles, dedicated to spreading the word about crop circles throughout the Denver area with slide shows and lectures. They have emerged as two of the foremost American experts in the field, and they've been invited to present the American perspective on crop circles later this fall at the First Annual Cerealogist Conference in England.

"There's really no one good explanation," Kristovich says. "None of the theories answer all the questions."

Which is fine with the heads of Wider Circles. They'd rather ask questions than provide answers. "We don't like to give our own views or any conclusions," says Kristovich. "We just like to point out that our view of the world could be bigger than it is. To give the answers would stop the questions."

Some scientists who would rather have answers believe the crop circles are caused by whirlwinds, the Earth's magnetic energy, weather patterns or fungi. Others claim they're created by hopped-up hedgehogs running around the fields.

But these ideas haven't really panned out. What is clear, however, is

that the circles are neither man-made nor the product of a hoax. Researchers haven't found tracks or footprints near the circles, and the crops nearby are undisturbed. Scientists who try to reproduce the patterns by bending or heating the plants find it's impossible to do without breaking the stems or killing the plants.

"The curiosity of this should pull you in," says McCray. "Unfortunately, in Western culture there's not much left to be curious about. But if you don't keep asking questions about the mysteries of the world, we're dead."

Not that the women don't have their own pet theory. "My personal feeling—and this is not an explanation, since this is still a mystery—is that it's not alien," explains Kristovich. "It's something that's part of us, an intelligent energy that we have lost touch with or have never gotten in touch with before. We do know that there's some form of energy level involved, since the circles throw off compasses."

There haven't been any recent reports of crop circles in Colorado, but a 90-year-old woman who attended a recent Wider Circles lecture remembered strange patterns that used to show up in the fields near her childhood home in Pueblo. While many English farmers are afraid the circles will somehow taint their crops, making them unmarketable, Colorado growers are more open-minded.

"We recently did a lecture at the Louisville Rec Center that was attended by a lot of farmers, guys who have seen everything," Kristovich says. "When we finished, the biggest question they had was, 'How can we get some of these crop circles in our fields?'"

—Mike O'Keefe

EXPRESS, Easton, PA - May 27, 1991

## 'Look to the skies ...'

Do you believe in unidentified flying objects? If you do, you have plenty of company. Twenty-six astronauts have reported seeing UFOs while in orbit, according to The Reader's Digest.

The first was in 1962 and later reports include those made by astronauts aboard Skylabs 1, 2 and 3.

During Skylab 2, astronauts Jack Lousma, Owen Garriott and Alan Bean watched and photographed a red UFO for 10 minutes. They said the object rotated every 10 seconds and was 30 to 50 miles away in an orbit very close to their own.

Personally, I have had two episodes which are difficult to explain.

During the summer of 1953, when I was 14, I had the distinct impression that I had been carried from my bed by strange non-human-looking beings and taken to a remote coal stripping operation about a mile from my home. I boarded a "flying saucer" kind of craft, and the strange beings examined me for what appeared to be an hour.

When I awoke at 8 a.m., I was in my bed. Everything seemed precisely the same as when I went to bed just before midnight. I figured it was a bad dream brought on by the terror I experienced having seen *War of the Worlds* just a week earlier.

Later that day, my mother scolded me for tracking coal through the house from the cellar.



Bruce Frassinelli

### NEWSLINE

But I hadn't been in the cellar in several days and, as best I could figure out, hadn't been around coal to get the soles of my shoes dirty. Had I really been walking in the strippings the night before?

Then, nearly 20 years later, on March 1, 1973, I fell asleep on the living room floor while watching television.

At about 8 p.m., I awoke with a start, and for some inexplicable reason, I was compelled to go into the front yard and look into the sky — something I never did before.

I saw eight UFOs. They were flying in a "V" formation in a southwesterly direction (toward Saylorburg, Pa.). The objects seemed to be rounded masses, maybe 10 times the size of the evening star (Venus) on a bright, cloudless night. The objects seemed to emit a bluish-white light with a pinkish glow.

They stopped periodically as if assessing the situation, moved a bit further, then stopped again. They continued doing this until they disappeared about 10 minutes after I first saw them.

The next morning, when I arrived at work, I heard that many people in the Saylor's Lake area of Monroe County had seen and described similar objects at about the same time. Among them was state police Trooper Jeffrey Hontz who saw four of the objects.

What made me awake at precisely that moment, but more scary, what made me go outside to look heavenward? Was it coincidence?

Later that year, on Oct. 11, 1973, two shipyard workers out fishing in Pascagoula, Miss., claimed they were taken aboard an egg-shaped UFO and examined by three silvery-skinned creatures with no eyes — an apt description of the creatures in my dream of 20 years earlier.

These creatures examined the men, photographed them, then took them back to the river-side pier from which they were picked up.

I am not a believer. In fact, I am skeptical and cynical about UFO sightings, but I can't wait until 1993 to see whether these 20-year episodes will continue.

WEEKLY UPDATE, Indianapolis, IN - May 29-June 4, 1991

## Northside Residents Ponder Possible "UFO"

Unusual field marking leaves residents baffled for explanation.

by Pat Pickett

A typical hot and humid Friday in May became a very unusual day as soon as Linda Parsons opened the mini-blinds in her office. In the field below her window a large, semi-circular pattern appeared in the 3-foot tall, reedy grass which now lays flat against the ground. About the size of a small house, the area shows no car tracks or footprints in or out.

As unusual as it was, Parsons recognized something very familiar. "I saw the same thing last year, about this same time of year," she says showing a photo of the near 96th and Keystone location. "It was smaller and not as pronounced."

Parsons, who is Office Manager of PHCC Indiana, called a local radio station. Following its initial report, the station took phone calls regarding the incident most of the morning. "Last year when I phoned, I know they thought I was crazy. I was so excited I couldn't even give them good directions out here," she recalls.

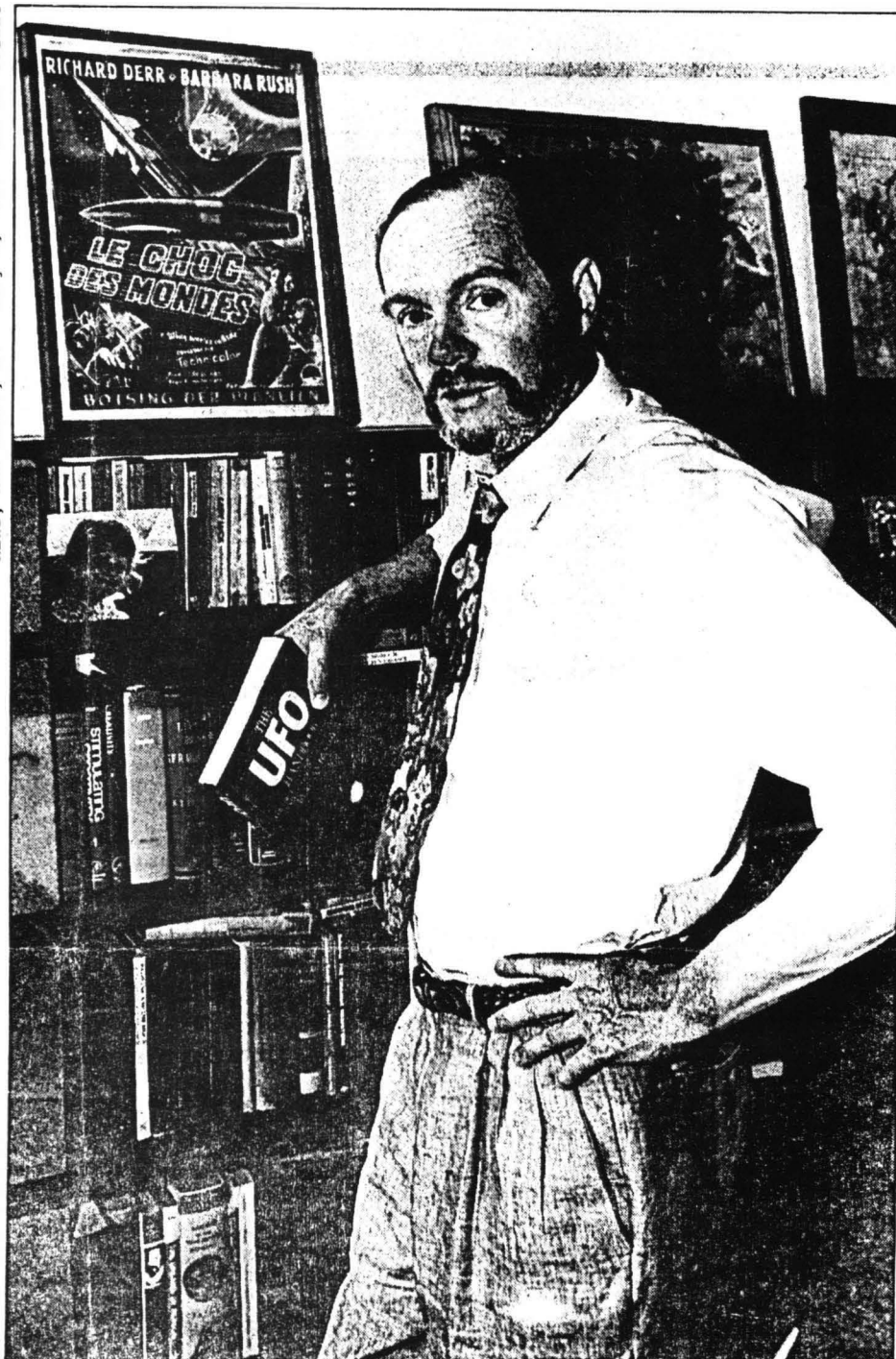
By the crowds of people at the site, it was evident her directions this year were quite clear. Onlookers and gawkers came armed with cameras and theories.

"It's probably just migratory birds. That would explain the 'every year at the same time' occurrence," says one spectator. However, the absence of feathers or droppings seems to shoot that theory.

Other possibilities include a down-wind current, a helicopter hovering, animals bedding down during the night, or, perhaps the most unusual explanation, a UFO landing.

Whatever it was made very little noise, according to local law enforcement authorities. There were no reports on file with either the Marion County or Hamilton County Sheriff's office regarding the incident. ❧





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Ron Westrum, a sociologist at Eastern Michigan University, studies reported UFO sightings.

## Roswell, N.M.: The UFO story that won't go away

■ On July 8, 1947, something crashed in the desert near Roswell, N.M., that has been the subject of speculation for decades despite countless denials by the Air Force that it was a UFO.

By KARL LEIF BATES  
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Strange lights in the New Mexico sky 44 years ago this weekend may have been anything but fireworks.

A dedicated band of UFO researchers thinks an alien spacecraft — or possibly two — blew apart and crashed in the desert near Roswell, N.M., on July 8, 1947. They say local ranchers and Air Force officials found the bodies of three wrinkled little humanoids near strewn collections of unknown lightweight, ultra-strong materials.

But you've never read about it in anything other than the supermarket tabloids.

It was covered up, says Ron Westrum, a sociology professor at Eastern Michigan University. After initially reporting that they had found an alien spacecraft wreck, officials at the Roswell Army Air Field retracted the statement and reported that they'd only found parts of a weather balloon.

'Here is something that — if it's true — changes the whole way we think about things.'

— Ron Westrum,  
EMU sociology professor

Westrum and his colleagues in the Fund for UFO Research are confident there were aliens and the Pentagon went to extraordinary lengths to erase it.

Accounts of the Roswell incident have been pieced together through interviews with about 70 witnesses to various portions of the crash and recovery, including Air Force intelligence officials who said they were ordered to make up a story about the strange materials that were recovered.

"Here is something that — if it's true — changes the whole way we think about things," Westrum says from the book-lined den of his Ann Arbor home.

Westrum is a board member of the Maryland-based Fund for UFO Research, which has bankrolled some of the research leading to the book "UFO Crash at Roswell," which was published last month. Another book, as yet untitled, is in progress.

Don Berliner, an aviation writer from Alexandria, Va., who also is on the UFO Fund board, is working on an account of the other, less-publicized, July 8, 1947, crash that occurred 75 miles from the Roswell crash. There, searchers allegedly found a largely intact saucer-shaped craft with a gash in its side. In the shadow of the machine, they found two dead aliens, another one dying and a fourth alive and very frightened, Berliner says.

In both instances, the evidence is mounting that something happened and that the government covered it up, Berliner says. "It's so highly classified that hardly anyone in the government would know about this."

The Air Force did not respond to inquiries about the UFO reports for this story.

UFO sightings and reports of people being abducted by aliens are what Westrum calls "hidden events." Child molestation, ball lightning and spontaneous combustion are things people don't talk about because it reflects poorly on them, he says. "It's not the kind of thing that's going to get you promoted and if you want to be the captain of a 747, you're not going to make it," Westrum says.

Westrum says his colleagues at EMU are amused by his pursuit of extraterrestrials, but he notes that editors of journal articles he has written about hidden events have cut out references to UFOs.

The UFO research focus now is toward reports of abduction by aliens, an incident which may have happened to one out of 30 people, Westrum says. "You're really talking about your worst childhood nightmare. The thing comes in the middle of the night, weapons don't work on it and mommy and daddy are frozen."

Alleged abductees report being held for hours against their will and having the sensation that their private parts are being probed. Westrum says. Post-traumatic stress disorder is a common mental health malady afterward, leaving victims with a strange

sensitivity to things like flashing lights, leprechauns or the almond-eyed alien pictured on the cover of the paperback "Report on Communion," by Ed Conroy.

The victims of such abductions say it happens again and again and they are helpless to stop it, Westrum says. "I can't imagine what this does to families."

The reports of sexual molestations sound a little suspicious, particularly if they are coming from children, says Neil Kalter, director of the University of Michigan's Center for Child and Family. "It sounds like a way for kids to try to communicate something that was scary and had a forbidden quality to it."

Westrum says abduction happens to adults, too, and to people in all parts of the country and all walks of life. "As far as I can tell, there's no sociological pattern to it," he says.

Bring it up in a group and you'll find that experiences of UFO abduction are quite common, Westrum says. "Until you do a survey, you don't know. We're thinking of doing a national survey."

Simply sighting a UFO also is more common than you might guess, he says.

Although the Air Force officially disbanded its UFO study "Project Blue Book" in 1968, Westrum and Berliner feel confident there still is a high-level group in the government working on UFOs. "It's very hush-hush," Westrum says.

With countless billions of stars in the universe, and unknown numbers of planets around them, statistically, many believe Earth isn't the only pebble with life on it. "You're probably talking about thousands of other technological civilizations out there," Westrum says.

So why is it the aliens that Earthlings describe always have two legs and a face with two eyes, a nose and mouth?

"I don't know," Westrum says. "One can make an argument for parallel evolution."

So where are the bodies of the 3½-foot-tall aliens that were recovered in New Mexico?

"We haven't the foggiest idea," Berliner says. "They could have been moved 96 and a half times since then. They could be buried under the White House."

Berliner blames the supermarket tabloids, the government and the scientific community for the paucity of solid UFO research. Science "has left a vacuum that amateurs have had to fill." The tabloids almost seem to be working with the government to make UFO reports seem silly, Berliner says.





## FOREIGN NEWS

# A major story lost in space

Michael Thompson-Noel



I WAS settling down to watch *Coronation Street* this week when there was a knock on the door and there stood my friend from the US embassy in London, the intelligence major. From time to time the major brings me messages from Washington of an ultramundane nature whose momentousness befits my White House security rating - Level 11, as high as you can get.

"Good evening, Colonel Mike," said the major. He handed me a green envelope, saluted surreptitiously, and then disappeared.

I had not seen the major, or heard from the White House, since last December, when I won kudos all round by reinterpreting (just in the nick of time) the cockamammy data flowing from Nasa's Hubble telescope.

I opened the envelope. The message was a request from the White House to speed to Downing Street for a meeting with the prime minister and to discuss with him, as Washington's emissary, his new-sprung belief in the existence of UFOs.

"Just what I need," I thought irritably, as I flicked off the TV and dodged into the ebrious haze of a typical London evening.

As I explained last December, the White House has confused me with someone else. Otherwise it would not have promoted me to Security Level 11. The confusion clearly stems from my (genuine) rank as a Kentucky Colonel, bestowed on me, with pomp and ceremony, in June 1977 by Governor Julian M Carroll. The harder I try to clear things up the more ravelled I become in this peculiar entanglement.

The prime minister was waiting for me in his peach-hued sitting room. He looked as grey as ever, but his eyes gleamed like twin suns as he peered from behind a stack of files marked Secret, Top Secret and Ultra. (Internationally, there are 24 categories of secrecy above Ultra, but I thought I would not burden the PM with such an observation).

"Good evening, Col Mike," he said. "I know you are busy, so I will dispense with the preliminaries and come to the point with rapidity. I trust you will convey what I have to say to the president in Washington with an element of despatch, because what I have discovered has ramifications for all of us on Earth - or even those off it, such as Britain's first cosmonaut, Helen Sharman, whose arrival at the Mir space station this week aboard the Soyuz TM12 capsule marks the sort of achievement with which my administration is jolly proud to be associated with."

"UFOs, Col Mike. That is what I want to put to you. I have been studying the files with diligence and have arrived at the belief that the evidence for UFO visits is now incontrovertible."

I said nothing. Moved not a muscle. Studied my shoes (brilliantly polished. I was surprised to note).

"It strikes me," said the PM, "that

a vast number of opportunities are draining away into the sand without our lifting a finger to help ourselves. Take Dr Leopoldo Diaz."

The PM rummaged in a file. "In October 1976 Dr Diaz, a paediatrics and anaesthesia specialist, was executive director of the Hospital del Ferrocarril del Pacifico in Guadalupe, Mexico, where he was asked to examine a stranger. The stranger was 5ft 2in and hairless. He said he was 84, though he seemed to the doctor to be in his 40s or 50s."

"Suddenly, the stranger announced that he was not from this planet, but had come to give us information. He said that he and his people had approached government officials and scientists, but that many were arrogant. 'They don't want to hear; they don't want to change.'"

"Then the alien told the doctor that Earth would soon have to find a new energy source. 'It is very easy,' he said. 'It is possible to get tremendous energy if you know how to dissociate electrons; in this way you can have the free energy you need without contamination or pollution.'"

I stifled a yawn. "Do you know what happened?" asked the PM. "Dr Diaz went to New York and met people at the UN, in the office of Robert

Muller, under-secretary for economic and social development. Muller circulated details of Dr Diaz's report, but no-one responded. No-one would listen. *Nothing happened.* The alien disappeared. I find that incredible. We have got to develop much better systems for grasping these opportunities so as to liberate mankind."

"Prime minister," I said at last. "As chance would have it, I have spent many hours pondering the UFO phenomenon, and have reached the *opposite* conclusion. We don't have UFOs, just UFO reports. We have no evidence whatsoever - just psychobabble and the ceaseless churning of our own imaginative brains. That's where all this stuff comes from, you know, the cerebral cortex, just like everything else: religion, art, war, love, recipes for tripe soup, *Match of the Day*."

"Jimmy Carter saw a UFO," said the PM sharply. "So did Ronald Reagan. It's all down on file, Colonel. What is more, I myself have seen some bright lights recently - not a vision, as such, but spots of orange light flickering and shimmering and dipping over Whitehall."

"Prime Minister," I said. "Haven't you got bigger things to worry about? The election, for instance?"

"What election?"

"The one that you're supposed to call any day soon."

The PM smiled brilliantly. "We haven't got time for one of those," he said. "That's what I want you to tell George Bush - that democratic elections are messy, costly and dangerous. We've had quite enough elections to last us this century. There are numerous other matters that need our attention urgently. Tell George Bush that we should postpone all elections until at least 2000. There'll be no harm, Colonel. Just you wait and see."

## HAWKS & HANDSAWS

KENTISH GAZETTE, Canterbury, England  
May 3, 1991 CR: T. Good

## Mystery object in sky

Sir,

I would like to hear from any of your readers who may have seen a strange object in the sky over Beltinge and Reculver regions of Herne Bay on Thursday, April 11, between 8.30-8.50pm or at any other time that evening.

I saw the object as a large, gold, jagged, pointed star pulsating, hovering, disappearing and reappearing for about 15 minutes in various positions in the East.

I know it was not an aircraft, helicopter, balloon, fireworks, moon or planet.

But I would be pleased to hear of any other explanation and have sighting forms for anyone else who may be a witness. — S. R. Stebbing, 41 Terminus Drive, Herne Bay.

DAILY STAR, London, England - March 21, 1991 CR: T. Good

## Star snap has 'em spaced out!



CONVINCED: Chris Tarrant with the amazing 'Hawaii UFO' picture that generated all the interest

# YOU FOLKS GO UFO BANANAS

DJ Chris swamped

By GARY MORGAN

BRITAIN went UFO crazy after the Daily Star's snapshot of a flying saucer yesterday.

Hundreds of readers bombarded a radio show with tales about close encounters after seeing the amazing "Hawaii UFO" picture.

Top DJ Chris Tarrant admitted: "I'm convinced there is something out there," when his breakfast phone-in on London's Capital Radio was jammed by nearly 300 callers minutes after he read out our story live on air.

In a lightning poll all but one of them said they believed in aliens.

Chris said: "I once saw a shining light over Salisbury Plain - and I'm sure it was a flying saucer."

Our picture showed an orange spaceship with two white lights hovering above Hawaii.

Bookies William Hill said yesterday that they were taking five times the normal number of bets on UFOs after the Daily Star's sensational picture.

NORTHERN NEWS, Kaikohe, New Zealand  
July 3, 1990 CR: R. Collins

## UFO may have touched down

An alien spacecraft may have landed near the isolated settlement of Orauta in the Bay of Islands last week.

Josephine Reid, 10, and her elderly grandmother Maude Thompson were watching television late Tuesday evening at their house near the Orauta School when Mrs Thompson spotted a bright shining light from behind a nearby bushclad ridge.

Josephine was called to the window, but the "really bright flashing light - brighter than the sun" frightened the youngster.

She and her grandmother could hear a distinct humming noise with a varied pitch.

Dogs outside their home barked wildly and a puppy refused to go outdoors while the light flashed for about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, Orauta School principal Kene Martin was working in her bedroom facing the

hillside when she heard strange cracking noises similar to rapid gunfire.

"I said to my daughter Tania that I could hear a funny noise - and I didn't like it," Mrs Martin said.

### Funny noise

"I looked outside to see where it was coming from and my dog was pacing along the footpath, staring toward the ridge where the lights were seen."

"It couldn't have been anyone shooting because the noise was too fast."

New Sound Waves radio station manager Robyn Lilley last week reported a UFO sighting over Russell.

Some readers suspected he had seen aircraft flying to Auckland from Honolulu.

But Mr Lilley said such jets were "about the size of a thumbblack with a vapour trail," when seen from Paiaia.

"What I saw last week was the size of a football without a vapour trail - these things don't run on fossil fuel," he said.

SUNDAY EXPRESS, London, England - June 23, 1991 CR: N. Oliver

## Did space men visit Diana's friend?

A FRIEND of Princess Diana thinks a flying saucer may have alighted in a field behind her house in South Devon. UFO stories are always fun, and this one has an unusual twist.

Fiona Hamilton-Stidston, who is also a good chum of Prince Charles's old confidante, Lady Tryon, woke up the other day to find a scorched circle, 75 ft wide, in her meadow. She was convinced that "They" had come to see her. Locals have been peering over the wall and tend to agree.

However, regional UFO expert Douglas Cooper says that this sort of nonsense gives flying saucers a bad name and that the burned patch is a hoax perpetrated by people on stilts.

Farmer's daughter Fiona, a model who occasionally tests Diana's untried new frocks for her, is indignant. And her mother, Jessie, tells us: "No-one could have got on to our land without our knowing - stilts or no stilts. Mr Cooper's talking moonshine." Mr Cooper may need closer examination. When a UFO expert denies an obvious UFO visitation one must suspect a cover-up.

Is he one of them, do you suppose?

PEOPLE

# Sex, surgery and space aliens

Extra-terrestrials seem to prefer British Columbia

Last week researcher Chris Rutkowski, of Winnipeg revealed that British Columbians reported 114, or 49%, of the 232 UFO sightings in Canada in 1990. For some the survey was confirmation of a long-held belief that B.C. is home to more than its share of those on the lunatic fringe. But for those who claim to have encountered beings from outer space, the survey was a confidence-builder. They could take comfort in the knowledge that more and more of their neighbours are willing to risk being classified as crazies, by speaking of encounters with extra-terrestrials.

Alvena Scott, a 41-year-old Vancouver receptionist, is one of those finding security in numbers. Miss Scott claims she has been about as close as anyone can get to a space alien. Indeed she is one of about 20 people in the Vancouver area who say they have been abducted by extra-terrestrial. Apparently some of the aliens were nice enough to operate on her to repair a faulty kidney. Others, however, were only interested in her reproductive capacity. She says the latter group impregnated her during a March 1990 abduction. Three months later, despite the fact she had been celibate for years, she experienced a miscarriage.

Miss Scott says that in the summer of 1985 she was experiencing excruciating pain in the area of her left kidney. Doctors told her the kidney would have to be removed but she feared surgery and would not consent to an operation. She explains that during this period she began nightly



Victim Scott: In the neighbourhood from which she says she was abducted.



Evidence of surgery?: A healing experience and an unexplained pregnancy.

meditations and it was after one of these sessions that the first alien showed up in her bedroom. The next thing she knew she was in a circular room surrounded by seven-foot-tall, blue-eyed, human-like creatures. She awoke in her bed the next morning to find blood on her sheets and on her torso. But her kidney problem was gone.

Miss Scott says that five years after her encounter with the beneficent, tall, blue-

eyed beings she had a bad experience with some small, insect-featured extra-terrestrials. She claims that in March of 1990 she was "forcibly taken" in the middle of the night to a spaceship. Apart from going through a series of tunnels she remembers nothing of the journey to the spaceship but she has vivid recollections of her experiences aboard the aliens' craft. She was one of about 20 "earth people," of both sexes,



Researcher Goldfader: The tale of the test-tube.

on the ship. After communicating with the aliens by telepathy she learned the earth women would have sperm "injected into them." She received sperm but was not told who or what provided it. Three months later she had a miscarriage.

A tissue sample from the miscarriage has allegedly been given Lorne Goldfader, director of the Vancouver-based UFO Research Institute of Canada (UFORIC). Mr. Goldfader says other UFO researchers have had evidence of UFOs mysteriously disappearing. To reduce the risk of theft he's not disclosing where the tissue is being stored. The 41-year-old Vancouver postal worker says the sample, which "appears to be the first stage of a foetus," will be examined by a pathologist in due course. However, as of last week, despite a year-long search, Mr. Goldfader had been unable to find a lab willing to perform the analysis.

Another UFO researcher, Graham Conway from Delta, says that based on his knowledge of the case and the phenomenon, the sample tissue "does indeed look to be what he (Mr. Goldfader) claims it is." Mr. Conway, 64, described the material as a tiny but "perfectly human (-looking) foetus with a tiny umbilical chord attached to it." The former high school teacher says he has no doubts about Miss Scott's "sincerity" in the matter. And after 44 years in the (UFO research) field, he thinks this might well be the long-awaited breakthrough in abduction research.

His experience in the field leads him to believe that accounts like those of Miss Scott are becoming too numerous to ignore. "If it's a figment of the imagination, it is happening to a lot of imaginations. I believe that there's inference with birth."

In another case he investigated, a B.C. woman reported being taken aboard a spacecraft and introduced to a boy she was told was her son. He says most of the women who report such genetic tampering are in the 35-40 age group. He adds that a significant number of "abducted" women have been sexually abused in their earth lives.

For her part Miss Scott says the alien encounters not only cured her kidney problems but also gave her a whole new outlook on life and made her "a much more spiritual person." Still, she confesses that there has been a negative side-effect. "My relatives think I'm nuts."

—Barbara Tandory

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## 'Space creatures kidnap earthwomen to make spy babies'

# UFO policeman on the trail of ET

**EX-POLICE**  
Sergeant Tony Todd is conducting the toughest inquiry of his life — on the trail of little silvery men from outer space with dubious morals.

He is convinced that extra terrestrial skulduggery is going on with spacemen making selected earthwomen pregnant and kidnapping their babies.

Then these sinister versions of ET send the hijacked children back on earth to transmit information about our world.

"Women are being manipulated from a genetic point of view," he said.

"Aliens can impregnate a woman, remove the baby after three months of pregnancy and then incubate it on board their craft."

**EX-SERGEANT'S  
HYPNOTIC CHAT  
WITH ALIEN IN  
SEARCH OF MATE**



Tony Dodd... expert

Mr Dodd, who was a policeman for 27 years, is regarded as Britain's leading expert on unidentified flying objects.

At the weekend he addressed 400 people at a UFO spotters' conference at Patchway High School, Bristol.

He said he had evidence that women were being taken on board spacecraft by little silver men and impregnated.

"American universities have removed alien implants from humans."

"I have documentary evidence of this. I don't carry it around with me. But I have it."

He then revealed details of

his own conversation with an alien.

It followed an incident where a woman in the north of England complained to the police about her car being buzzed by what she thought was a helicopter.

### Trance

Under hypnosis, he said, she was able to recall details of being abducted by beings from outer space.

And while she was in a hypnotic trance Mr Dodd said he was able to converse with an alien through her.

Mr Dodd said he had seen 60

UFOs himself always in the company of witnesses.

Another of the conference speakers, German ufologist Michael Hesemann passed around a photograph which he said was of an alien being which he believed had been captured by the Americans following a UFO crash in 1947.

The picture showed a small silvery figure with a big head

The weekend conference — organised by Quest International, the British journal of UFO investigators, of which Mr Dodd is research director — drew an audience of people of all ages.



Creature from outer space?

WESTERN DAILY PRESS, England  
March 25, 1991 CR: T. Good



# Flying saucers report upheld

UFO experts in Plymouth said today they were convinced that four mystery objects spotted in the skies above St Budeaux were flying saucers.

The Plymouth UFO Research Group (PUFORG) ruled out human explanations and backed up Mary Aylesworth's claims that she saw the objects.

Bob Boyd, chairman of PUFORG, said: "Mary is an intelligent and articulate woman. We found her a highly credible witness and fully accept her report as a true account of what she saw."

Mrs Aylesworth, 55, saw four "discs" flying over the River Tamar, between St Budeaux and Saltaah, on March 8 this year. Her sighting was reported in the Evening Herald.

The discs reported by Mrs Aylesworth

CR: T. Good

were seen to fly in formation and carry out aerobatic manoeuvres rather like the Red Arrows display team.

Mrs Aylesworth was contacted by a man who explained that the flying saucers were nothing more than army flares.

PUFORG investigators confirmed with the nearby Tregantle Range that there were no flares used at the time, but a call to Seaton Barracks produced the conflicting story that there were military exercises and that they would have been using flares.

"Though there may have been military activity at Tregantle, we do not know of any military activity that could account for what Mrs Aylesworth saw," said Mr Boyd.

## TRANSLATIONS

City and country of incident: Chile

Date of incident: Winter, 1978

Name of paper and date of clip: EL DIA, August 28, 1990

City and country of paper: La Plata, Buenos Aires province, Argentina

### A CHILEAN MAN CLAIMS HE MADE LOVE TO AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL WOMAN

SANTIAGO DE CHILE. (EFE) - A 56 year old Chilean man claims that twelve years ago he had intercourse with an extraterrestrial woman.

The man's statements are published in the paper "La Cuarta," included in a report related to unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Gaspar M.H. disclosed that he spent four hours inside a spaceship, talked telepathically with the crew and had intercourse with an extraterrestrial woman.

His account goes back to 1978, when at the time of the southern winter in a Chilean region a thousand kilometers [621 miles] from Santiago, the engine of his vehicle stopped while he was astonished looking at a large spaceship with many bright lights that was hovering above his car.

In his report to the paper he says that the extraterrestrials managed to communicate telepathically with him, and later on took him up to the UFO where he was laid on a table that adapted to his body and skin samples were taken.

They later threw water at him which, they said, was to decontaminate him, and he had intercourse with the extraterrestrial woman.

He also said that physically the woman had a white-pinkish skin, blue eyes that were bigger than those of earthlings, and her height did not exceed 150 centimeters [4.92 feet].

He still has some burn scars on his head which, he claims, were produced by a light that came from the spaceship.

Gaspar M.H. is one of fourteen persons registered by MUFON-Chile - an organization that studies these phenomena - who has experienced the so-called CEIII.

The paper claims that the man was examined by psychiatrists and under deep hypnosis he recounted his experience in the same terms.

City and country of incident: Limari, Chile

Date of incident: October 31, 1990

Name of paper and date of clip: EL TRIBUNO, November 6, 1990

City and country of paper: Dolores, Buenos Aires province, Argentina

### GIANT UFO SEEN IN CHILE

SANTIAGO DE CHILE - A giant unidentified flying object (UFO) was seen by more than a hundred people, among them two carabinieri (military police), when it landed on top of a hill in the coastal sector of the town of Limari, 400 km [248.5 miles] north of Santiago. The event, which was reported by the newspaper "La Tercera" took place last Wednesday and aside from the policemen, miners, peasants and truckers were also witnesses and confirmed that the UFO became visible at about 1:30 pm that day.

Several of the witnesses who reported the event said that at first they thought it was a satellite dish, but however, when they approached they could see it was a space ship measuring some one hundred meters [328 feet] in diameter by some 20 meters [65 feet] in height and emitted strongly colored lights.

Francisco Pena Diaz, who is second corporal in the carabinieri and his partner, Luis Lobos Medina, stated that the UFO had landed in an inaccessible place. Just three months ago, according to the witnesses' descriptions, two other spectacular UFOs were seen in the city of Arica, bordering with Peru, 2,050 km [approximately 1,273 miles] north of Santiago. The skies in northern Chile are considered to be the fairest in the planet just as those of Bolivia and Peru, have been witnesses to the presence of alleged UFOs many times.

Jorge Anfruns, a UFO expert, claimed that Chile is one of the countries where more sightings of alleged space objects have been made, especially in the high plateau. "UFOs are no longer news there," he said.

City and country of incident: San Jeronimo, Santa Fe province, Argentina

Date of incident: November 8, 1990

Name of paper and date of clip: LA CAPITAL, November 12, 1990

City and country of paper: Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires province, Argentina

### UFO TRACKS ONCE AGAIN

SANTA FE (Telam) - Mr. Victor Imhoff, who was a mayor of the San Jeronimo del Sauce community and held that post for several terms, said that he found some perfectly linked semicircles in a field he owns near the city. They measured 17 meters by 12 meters in depth and 40 cm wide [55.7 feet by 39.37 feet by 15.75 inches], "and were free of weeds as if they had been made with a shovel."

On the inside of these circles, which were found on a chicory plantation located at a distance of 400 meters [437 yards] from national highway #19 and 300 meters [328 yards] from two houses, "weeds are growing, but not the vegetables which disappeared from the surface but grow normally from the edges outward," said Imhoff.

The tracks were discovered last Thursday by Mr. Imhoff, but "he could not say how old they were" because nothing strange was observed in the surroundings in previous days "except for a cow which was in the field with others and now walks with difficulty."

The owner of the field recalled an experience seven years ago which he considered to be "not too pleasant," when he was returning from San Jeronimo Norte where he attended a Rotary meeting. "An unidentified flying object with a bluish, very bright light, flew low over my car, stopping the engine," he said.

He also added that the driver at that time, Mr. Armando Meriggi, and other local residents "were witnesses to the UFO's maneuver, which now seems to have returned to the area, considering the strange tracks that were found."

City and country of incident: Lanus, Buenos Aires province, Argentina

Date of incident: August 1976

Name of paper and date of clip: LA VOZ, December 21, 1990

City and country of paper: Avellaneda, Buenos Aires province, Argentina

### UFOs: DREAM OR REALITY -- A FANTASTIC STORY

This is the account of a man who lives in Lanus and owns a well-known restaurant in that city. His name is RICARDO ALI, he is 35, married, and the incident happened in 1976, but only became known now.

It's nice talking to him, and he confesses he never believed in the UFO PHENOMENON, saying: "WHAT I DON'T SEE...I DON'T BELIEVE."

But the story he will tell seems to corroborate the opposite.

RICARDO ALI begins his document like this:

"There's a question nowadays. Whether extraterrestrials do exist or not. I think some people believe they don't, others believe in the real possibility that unidentified flying objects fly around in the sky. But, which is the truth? I leave it up to you."

Ricardo goes on to say:

"The story I'm telling you happened in 1976, and I can assure you that even I had my doubts at the beginning. I kept it to myself for a long time because I feared ridicule, but the years and other events made me see the truth."

"In August of 1976" - the story goes "in crescendo" - "a somewhat strange event happened to me. At that time I was approaching my 21st birthday and worked in a store in the Once district (in Buenos Aires) and at night took classes in a commercial school. I did not drink nor did I ingest anything strange that could lead one to believe in a hallucination."

### THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT

Ricardo goes on, in all seriousness:

"One night in August I was getting home at about 11:30 pm. After a few minutes, I went to lie down in my room and read a geography book. At that time, I lived in Deheza 3250, East Lanus. After reading for a few minutes, I felt sleepy, put the book aside on the night stand and fell asleep peacefully. I estimate that some 2 or 2 and a half hours may have passed when I started to hear a very deep but high-pitched noise, it was something like the buzzing of a wasp amplified about a thousand times."

Ricardo goes on telling about his experience very seriously and calmly: "It was becoming louder each time and the sound entered my ears and seemed to make me sleepy. In spite of its intensity the humming did not hurt me, it was just as if it was robbing me of my willpower. I saw flashes in my room, light beams of undefinable colors, until I entered into a strange state, like some kind of trance. I could see, feel, hear, but was incapable of moving. In a superhuman effort I tried to get up, but when I tried to, I seemed to lose all my strength and it was impossible for me to move in any way or to scream."

"But something was telling me that nothing would happen and I was not frightened. The room was very warm and an internal voice like I never heard before invaded me. It was then that I saw them" - he cried with energy - "They appeared from nowhere, as if they had come out of the same light that flooded the room."

"They were three beings dressed in silvery suits, two of them were men, the third one was a woman, the most beautiful you could imagine. She was perfect. I don't remember the men's faces. All I know is they were men."

"The woman had very deep eyes. They all looked at me and talked to me but didn't move their lips, they didn't say words. It's as if they entered my

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mind through their eyes and discovered all my secrets. The two men by my side didn't seem to intervene, they were simply looking at me.

"A step behind them was the woman. For a minute I felt to completely faint. I couldn't estimate the precise time when I came to. But the woman was there by my side. She bent over me and passed her hands over my face and over all my body, caressing it but keeping her hands at a distance of some 30 cm [11 inches]. She didn't touch my body, but I could feel the caresses and the warmth of her hands. A few minutes later, I felt a sexual contact with that woman, in spite of her being apart from me and her never having touched me.

"I again felt faint" - Ricardo went on at the peak of his story - "and once again I heard the intense humming of the wasp until it became slower and quieter."

DREAM OR REALITY?

"When I woke up next morning I felt great. I tried to analyze what had happened and asked my mother if she heard anything, and also my friends. But nobody heard anything. Pondering about it, I searched for a more logical explanation of the matter and thought it had simply been a dream until some years later I verified it hadn't been so. But that is another story, another event happened to me afterwards, which I will tell you about."

RICARDO'S THOUGHTS

"I believe that I really had an encounter with people from other galaxies. I was studied like a guinea pig" - Ricardo ends his thoughts - "but I assure you that they know us better than what you think. I lived it and can assure you it's so."

Journalistic research: J.C.V. and D.O.S.

Based on an account made by Mr. Ricardo Ali about an event that happened in the city of Lanus in 1976, classified as a "Close Encounter of the 3rd Kind."

City and country of incident: Llanquihue Lake, Chile  
Date of incident: October 20, 1990  
Name of paper and date of clip: LA CAPITAL, January 7, 1991  
City and country of paper: Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires province, Argentina

FISHERMAN DENOUNCES EXTRATERRESTRIALS THREATENED HIM

SANTIAGO DE CHILE (EFE) - Dolorindo Asencio, a fisherman who lives in the lakes area, 750 kilometers [466 miles] south of Santiago, denounced that he has been threatened by alleged extraterrestrials. The report, published by the newspaper "La Cuarta," says that the victim has witnessed several UFO appearances, which Asencio himself divulged, for which reason he allegedly was threatened.

According to Asencio, one of his experiences took place the night of October 20 last year, while he was sailing together with his brother Sebastian in the Llanquihue lake. They were terrified to see how an immense flying object approached them rapidly in the darkness, accompanied by a deafening noise. The fisherman adds that the space ship, whose structure was surrounded by radiant colors, hovered over the boat and projected on them an intensely warm sensation for which reason they desperately rowed towards the shore and hid among the vegetation.

Dolorindo Asencio claims that due to the UFO appearances he witnessed, he has been the subject of serious threats from strange people who ordered him not to reveal what he saw. He said that after the appearances, he was visited in his home by "a man and two women, with an unmistakably foreign accent who threatened me severely and warned me not to talk to anybody about the sightings and they even offered me a reward if I kept quiet, but they never returned."

City and country of incident: Lugosano, Avellino, Italy  
Date of incident: December 22, 1989  
Name of paper and date of clip: CRONICA, January 13, 1991  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

SEE A UFO AND DIE, THEY SAY IN NAPLES

MILANO, 12 (ANSA). - The craft that landed the night of December 22, 1989 in Lugosano, Avellino, south of Naples, was an unidentified flying object, concluded the Fourth Congress of Italian Experts on the subject that was held in Milano.

The "Lugosano UFO," as it was generally called, dominated the congress and a track in the shape of a perfectly round crown was examined by the experts in attendance. It had an external diameter of 3.50 meters [11.48 feet].

The carabinieri, together with experts from the "Centro Ufologico Nazionale" (CUN) who studied the mark, performed 18 different tests and concluded that "there is no doubt that whatever left the trace on the ground is an unconventional phenomenon which is unknown for the time being."

An unconventional phenomenon as so many others - according to the ufologists - that happened these last years all over the world.

City and country of incident: Entre Rios province, Argentina  
Date of incident: January 17, 1991  
Name of paper and date of clip: EL CRONISTA COMERCIAL, January 18, 1991  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO IN ENTRE RIOS

An unidentified flying object that gave off intense green lights was seen yesterday midnight by the owners of a rural establishment located some 15 kilometers [9 miles] from Concepcion del Uruguay in Entre Rios.

The alleged appearance was reported by the Mac Loughlin family, owners of the farm called "La chamarrita," who stated that the object disappeared 15 minutes later leaving an enormous and very luminous trail.

A neighbor said that "they detected a UFO just at the same time as Baghdad was being bombed."

Other local residents recalled that some ten years ago burns and undefined tracks were seen in the grass in the same place, and strange mushrooms grew afterwards.

City and country of incident: Entre Rios province, Argentina  
Date of incident: January 9, 1991  
Name of paper and date of clip: CLARIN, January 20, 1991  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A STRANGE FLASH

At midnight on Wednesday - it was approximately 11:50 pm - January 9, a strange flash of light lit up a vast region of the eastern coast of the Entre Rios province, surprising and scaring the few witnesses who saw the phenomenon.

The newspaper "La Calle" of Concepcion del Uruguay, in its editions of Friday the 11th and Sunday the 13th, referred not only to that event, citing places and witnesses, but to many other similar ones that happened in Entre Rios, especially in that region.

Yesterday, CLARIN went to the Molino district that belongs to the department of Concepcion del Uruguay where the event was seen by more witnesses, some of them very qualified ones. There, more precisely in Arroyo Molino, lives Claudio Mac Loughlin, a 48 year old German citizen, who is a medical doctor who graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the Buenos Aires University, and owns a 36-hectare farm dedicated to dairy, poultry and agricultural production.

Claudio, his wife Norma and their three daughters, as well as other family members, were witnesses to that phenomenon whose source they cannot establish.

\*A light that came from the sky

"I want you to put yourself in my place: I am a doctor, as is well known and consider myself to be a cultured person. The comments about this type of sightings usually lend themselves to all kinds of jokes, so I will only limit myself to tell you how, when and what we saw, without going into any details or personal opinions," stressed Dr. Mac Loughlin. He then told CLARIN that the night of Wednesday the 9th was very warm "so after dinner the three girls (they are 19, 17 and 14) went out among the trees where it was cooler; I stayed inside reading and my wife was washing the dishes."

"What happened then?"

"What happened was that the two older girls came in at about 11:30 pm, only Picky, the youngest, remaining outside with two dogs. Suddenly I saw a very strong light outside that was incredibly intense. I thought it couldn't be a tractor or car; furthermore, it was clearly coming from above, from the sky."

"And then?"

"Then Picky came in, very disturbed. She said that at first the dogs became very nervous and suddenly everything lit up as if a giant light bulb went on from above. The words gushed out of her mouth, she was so nervous. She claimed she saw a rectangular flying object that moved noiselessly."

"Did you see that rectangular craft?"

"Not at first. I ran outside and everything was dark again. Everybody came out after me. Of course, I couldn't assume Picky had made it all up because all of us in the house had been blinded by that strong flash of light. But, again, the night was as calm as always and no light could be seen in the moonless sky. Really, we were all excited. It had all been so strange."

"Did you go back in the house?"

"Fortunately, not. And I say fortunately because a few minutes later we saw the phenomenon again. Here I want to be very precise and honest. I saw no rectangular flying object emitting lights. But I did see how the whole place was suddenly lit up. It was incredible. You can't imagine. The trees with all their leaves, the arms of the old mill, the animals, everything was illuminated as in broad daylight. Just as it came, the light disappeared. Look, I have been and am very skeptical of everything that is being said about flying saucers and things like that. Moreover, I don't even know if this phenomenon is related to all those things, but I state that on Wednesday the 9th at midnight, the fields in Arroyo Molino were lit up from above like a stage. Don't ask me why."

\*Other reports

Jose Alejandro Vernaz is a young man who often goes fishing and hunting, and together with his father visits the area of Arroyo Grande.

That Wednesday night he was there camping with his family. Close to midnight a mysterious flash of light made him leave his tent, thinking lightning had struck. But there was no storm. Only a very strong light that lit the whole place up. When he looked up he claims he saw a rectangular object that moved silently in the sky. Similar comments were made by other witnesses, such as a salesman who was driving along highway 14, at the entrance to Colon.

Reports from the newspaper "La Calle" say that this kind of phenomenon is not new in Entre Rios province, and they recall an event that happened in the area of Villaguay when representatives from the Air Force showed up in Dr. Carlos Liberman's office. He is the director of the paper "El Heraldo" in the city of Concordia. They wanted to recover a metallic piece that was found in the rural region after an impressive explosion was heard in space. Witnesses said that afterwards pieces of incandescent metal fell to the ground like a giant Bengal light.

[CREDIT FOR ALL ITEMS TO ALEJANDRO AGOSTINELLI, VIA RICHARD HEIDEN. -- TRANSLATION CREDIT: JANE GUMA.]





LOST AND FOUND IN THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE, THE ILL-FATED SQUADRON 19

# The deadly Hoodoo Sea

From **IVOR KEY**  
in New York

**A**T 2pm on December 5 1945, 15 aviators in five Navy Avenger torpedo bombers took off in perfect flying weather on a routine training mission over the Atlantic from Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Less than two hours later, the flight commander radioed he was "completely lost" and then there was silence.

A rescue plane carrying a crew of 12 went out to look for them the same day. It never came back. Despite one of history's most extensive searches, involving 300 aircraft and dozens of ships, they were not found.

## Baffling

"They didn't even discover so much as floating wreckage or a telltale oil slick... until now, when hi-tech explorers claim to have pinpointed the intact fuselages of the ill-fated Squadron 19.

If true, they appear to have solved one of the most baffling mysteries of the accident-plagued Bermuda Triangle — a vast area of ocean stretching south from the island it is named after, to the Florida coast and Puerto Rico.

But will they have solved it? Even if it is the missing flight, we still don't know how and why they went down in broad daylight.

And what about the 1,000 other airmen, sailors and passengers who have disappeared in over 100 other aircraft and ships?

Among seamen, the Triangle is also known as The Triangle Of Death and The Graveyard Of The Atlantic.

## Lights

For centuries, they have been baffled by its mysterious calms and sudden storms — right from the time Christopher Columbus entered this stretch of Atlantic and noted in his log, curious glowing streaks of "white water".

These mysterious patches of lights and foam are still visible today, and so bright, they have been seen by U.S. astronauts from outer space.

A flurry of hot-selling books



WRECKAGE FOUND OFF THE COAST OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, MAY BE FIVE NAVY AVENGERS LOST ON A TRAINING MISSION IN 1945.

DISAPPEARING ACT: Members of Squadron 19 pictured at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with one of the five Avenger torpedo bombers which went missing



## Scientists still cannot fathom this great mystery of the deep

and documentaries have sifted every fathom of the Triangle for an explanation of the disappearances. There have been theories of underground cities, unknown monsters, and even that it's the hunting ground of extra-terrestrial beings.

Whatever the truth may be, planes and ships go missing in this area with eerie regularity.

On July 3 1947, a U.S. Army C-54 Superfort disappeared 100 miles off Bermuda without broadcasting a word of difficulty.

On January 30 1948, a Tudor IV British airliner, the Star Tiger, vanished over the Triangle with 31 passengers and crew aboard. A year later, its sister plane, the Star Ariel, disappeared without trace over the same area, en route to Jamaica.

One of the largest ships the Triangle has claimed was the USS Cyclops, a 500ft coaling ship that disappeared in 1918.

The investigation found no evidence of foul weather, no messages for help, no wreckage and no sign of the 309 crew. Stranger yet, at least a dozen 'ghost' ships have been floating crewless within it.

On one occasion in 1881, the cargo ship Ellen Austin discovered a schooner, sails fluffing in the wind, a full cargo of mahogany on board, but no sign of human life.

## Violent

The U.S. Navy still does not recognise the Triangle as a danger zone, and the Coast Guard is convinced that the majority of disappearances can be attributed to the area's unique environmental fea-

tures. These include the swift Gulf Stream current, the unplumbed underwater canyons of the Atlantic, and the often violent weather patterns within the mystery zone.

Also, the Triangle is one of only two places on earth where a compass needle points to true rather than magnetic north. (The other is The Devil's Sea, an equally treacherous body of water in the Pacific off Japan).

A navigator who fails to take this quirk of nature into account may find himself way off course.

But others are not convinced. "There are mysterious and strange things going on out there," says Richard

Winer, who wrote The Devil's Triangle, a book that has sold 2 million copies. "I believe not all the answers lie in human error, mechanical malfunctions, freak weather and magnetic anomalies."

## Fanciful

And officials of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration say: "Despite efforts by the U.S. Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard, no reasonable explanation to date has been found for the vanishments."

UFO buff John Wallace Spencer, author of Limbo Of The Lost, which has also sold over 2 million copies, fancifully argues that beings from outer

space have established a highly advanced civilisation in the unexplored depths.

There, he believes most of the missing vessels — and their crews — may still be on display for study by these higher intelligences.

"It sounds weird," he admits, "until you realise that it's the only explanation that covers the facts."

Charles Berlitz, a Yale graduate with a fascination for the legendary lost continent of Atlantis, has a theory that a giant solar crystal, which once supplied the city, lies on the ocean floor.

He theorises passing ships and planes trigger the crystal which befoodies their instruments and sucks them into the impassable deep.

In 1955, 12 Japanese scientists went on an expedition to the Triangle to try, once and for all, to unravel its mysteries. They were never heard from again...

## The 'lost patrol'

Bermuda Triangle buffs are no doubt excited over last week's news that deep-sea explorers have stumbled onto what's certain to be the five missing World War II Navy torpedo-bombers of legendary Flight 19 — "the lost patrol."

An article the other day said that "The Deep See," an exploration vessel equipped with state-of-the-art sonar and underwater video cameras, was searching for a Spanish galleon at the time.

The flight vanished without a trace on Dec. 5, 1945, while on routine submarine patrol into the Bermuda Triangle without sending any "Maydays."

Deepening the mystery all the more is the fact that the planes were found on the ocean floor in 600 feet of water only 10 miles from their naval station base at Fort Lauderdale. And that all five planes were said to be in excellent condition, four of them standing upright with their cockpit doors open — all within a 1-mile radius of each other.

The fate of the 14 crewmen is anyone's guess, of course, but how odd that the massive air-sea search at the time — the greatest ever made till then — failed to locate them so close to shore, the weather being clear and sunny, despite a current news story that says they encountered bad weather. Especially since all of the crewmen wore life jackets and their planes carried self-inflating life rafts and distress equipment.

Another mystery is what happened to the huge air-sea rescue plane sent to guide the lost flight home? It also vanished without a trace — a 77-foot-long Martin Mariner "flying boat" with 13 crewmen

aboard. News accounts of the Avengers' discovery on May 8 don't even mention that part of the mystery.

At any rate, each plane's crew normally included a pilot, a gunner and a radio operator, but one crewman had failed to report for the mission. The navigation plan was to fly a triangle 160 miles eastward toward the Bahamas, then north for 40 miles, and, to complete the triangle, directly back to Fort Lauderdale. The entire flight required only about two hours.

But an hour and 15 minutes into the mission, the worried flight leader radioed the Fort Lauderdale tower that they were off course and unsure of their position — as though the compasses in all five planes were simultaneously malfunctioning. An hour or so later, the flight leader, in panic, was overheard relinquishing command to one of the other pilots. Then, 25 minutes later, the last message to the tower was that they were still lost and thought they were 225 miles northeast of the base.

That's when the Martin Mariner, capable of withstanding rough sea landings, was hurriedly dispatched. The tower then radioed the lost flight to say that help was on the way, but there was no answer. A few minutes later, when the tower tried to check on the Martin Mariner's position, there was no response from it — and it was never heard from again.

Speculation over the years as to the fate of Flight 19 has been fictionalized into Bermuda Triangle and UFO lore, the most famous, of course, being the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." And the television show "Unsolved Mysteries" recently had a segment on it.

But what actually happened to Flight 19 is likely to remain a mystery, though the discovery of the five Avengers is bound to revive speculation and create even more elaborate lore about one of the most enigmatic legends of the Bermuda Triangle.

## Actors' lines crossed

ACTORS in an open-air Shakespeare production could be forgiven for forgetting their lines.

For rehearsals of The Tempest have been plagued by mysterious incidents linked to an ancient stone circle.

A dancer has fainted, other members of the cast have had memory lapses, and their watches have stopped or speeded up.

The London-based Phoenix Cart theatre company says the disruption of rehearsals at the Rollright Stones circle, near Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, may be due to strange channels of energy called ley lines.

The lines are said to link sacred places such as Rollright, a prehistoric site similar to Stonehenge, and to carry a powerful form of magnetism.

Production assistant Andrea Duncan said: "It's weird, but no one has been put off. We opened on Saturday night and it went well."

Experts say the Rollright Stones can give off high levels of natural radiation at various times of day.

# OGOPOGO BROUHAAHA

## Okanagan Lake's fish story is heads and tails above the rest

By Ellis E. Conklin  
P-I Reporter

**K**ELOWNA, B.C. — Seems everyone in this vacation playland halfway between Vancouver and Calgary has a sea-serpent story to spin. Some actually claim to have seen the beast, 70 feet in length, high-tailing it across the dark waters of Okanagan Lake.

It's a whale of a story. Each year, there are 30 to 40 "sightings" of the large, unidentified swimming object, the Canadian equivalent of Scotland's Loch Ness monster.

"It looked like a submarine surfacing, coming up toward my boat," Lionel Edmond recounted of his close encounter with the creature.

"I've seen it, all right. I saw it moving faster than my speedboat," said Herb Rashke as he watched snowflakes light on the legend-steeped lake last week.

It had been a bad day for sea-monster watching. They say the creature is a fair-weather monster, which chagrined a Japanese television crew that had come armed with remote underwater camera and a tiny submarine to find the bashful beast, the one they call Ogopogo.

The lake may be 80 miles long and more than 1,000 feet deep in places, but Tokyo-based Nippon TV insists Ogopogo can run but it can't hide.

Fusako Suzuki watched happily in the snow as the Nippon crew tested the underwater camera in a hotel swimming pool. The sub, equipped with gyro, sonar and acoustic gear, had not yet arrived. But that didn't stop a steady stream of quizzical hotel guests

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from watching the preparations, their noses pressed to the lobby windows.

"They're looking for Ogopogo," someone explained.

"Oh, yes. Ogopogo," people nodded. With a radiant smile, Suzuki said, "Yes, we shall find it." Suzuki is part of a 15-person crew that arrived a week ago to begin an 11-day search for the elusive monster.

This is the second Nippon expedition. Last summer, 80 million Japanese TV viewers gobbled up the first Ogopogo segment, which showed a large object surfacing in the Peachland area of the lake, as well as a 30-foot-long wriggling object on sonar.

It was the sonar reading that particularly inflamed the Japanese crew's curiosity. Ogopogo, ever the tease, has brought them back, much to the amusement of many of Kelowna's 71,000 citizens.

"Maybe they're going to bring it back (to Japan) and make it into sushi," joked George Tinling, Kelowna Chamber of Commerce tourism manager.

"We like mystery. We find Ogopogo this time," a grinning Sakuji Yoshimura said shortly after arriving in Kelowna. Yoshimura is an archaeologist brought along to serve as technical adviser on the monster hunt.

**True or not,** few can resist a good Ogopogo story. Several years ago, the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce offered \$1 million if someone could prove that the monster lived. The reward went unclaimed.

In 1949, Ogopogo gained shelter under the province's Fisheries Act after three youths fired at it with a .22-caliber rifle. Or so the story goes.

It is fact, however, that Ogopogo was put on a list of protected species, making it illegal to kill or capture it without a permit, according to Jim Walker, director of the wildlife branch of British Columbia's Ministry of Environment.

"I don't want anyone to ever find Ogopogo," said Celeste Bonnet, a bank manager in Kelowna. "It's better not to know for sure."

"I shudder to think what might happen if they found it," said Kelowna Ogopogo expert Arlene Gaal. "We've had people say it should be captured and chopped up to determine its origin. Then there was this one fellow from Bellingham who recommended using underwater explosives to flush it out."

Clearly, it's Kelowna's monster. The city's name may be an Indian word for grizzly bear, but Ogopogo is represented on the city emblem.

"We're a little protective of our little monster," Kelowna resident Sally Robertson acknowledged.

In virtually every sighting recorded, the lake has been glassy smooth. Then, out of nowhere, the famous serpent makes its entrance with its usual flair. Seething white froth and a jagged line of waves ruffle the surface. The creature reaches up, its reptilian torso tickling the water. Oh no, it's Ogopogo!

"Maybe it's just a cry for help," Kelowna resident Elson Johnson quipped.

With sobering detail, eyewitnesses say the monster is green. Others say it is endowed with a large head and long neck.

Grown men and women, the kind who discarded their parents' tooth-fairy claims from the very beginning, have insisted that the monster has at least two huge humps and measures at least 30 to 40 feet long.

"There's got to be something out there," said Fred Stephen, a Kelowna businessman. "I've seen something. I've seen the strip of waves after it was like glass."

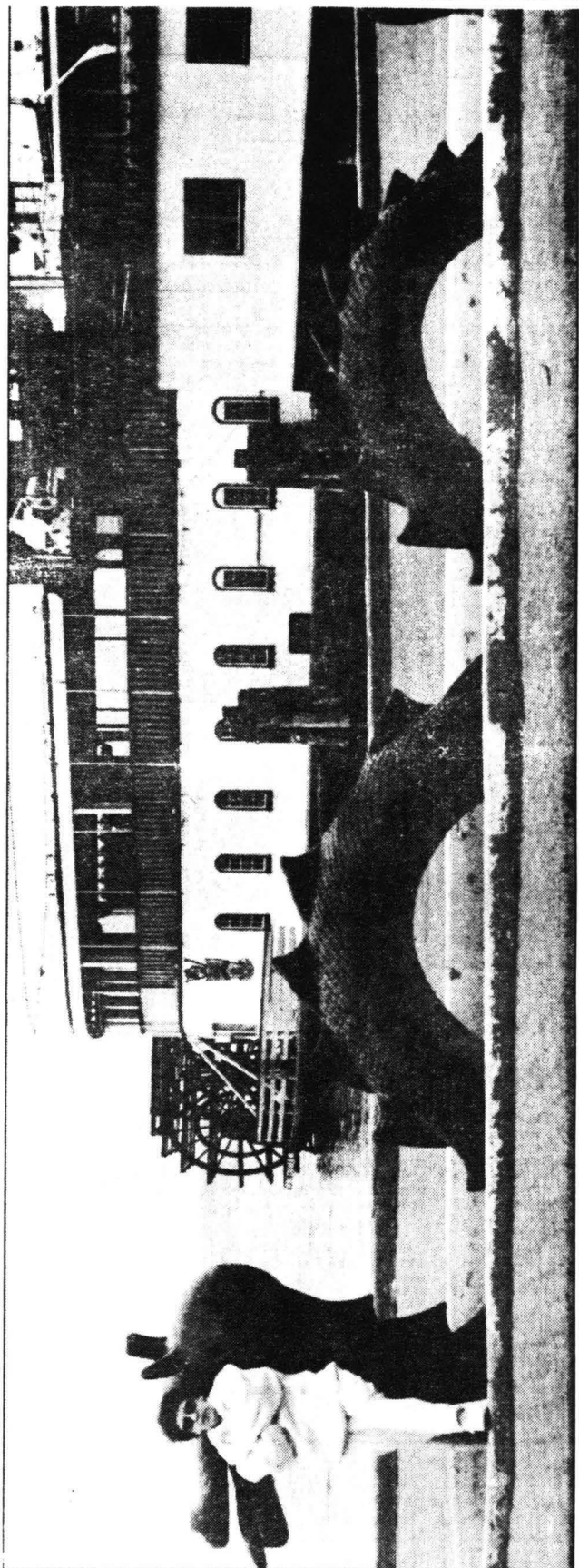
Amused local residents enjoy chuckling over the fact that the snake-like critter typically surfaces on sunny afternoons and that it is invariably a tourist who encounters the legendary monster, usually after a lengthy tour of one of the local wineries.

Sometimes it is difficult to take the monster too seriously. Several years ago, for instance, a Kelowna disc jockey named Paul Burke organized an on-the-air contest at station CFIF to try to catch, then barbecue, Ogopogo. Dozens of people called in suggesting recipes.

"How do you dress an Ogopogo?" Burke asked. "Do you serve white wine or red wine with Ogopogo?"

"It is a basically a throwback to the age of dinosaurs," maintains the ever-serious Gaal, who has written two books about the venerable monster (including the 1985 classic "Ogopogo: The True Story of the Million Dollar Monster") and has spent more than a de-

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Arlene Gaal stands before a statue of what Okanagan Lake's sea monster is supposed to look like. The Kelowna, B.C., resident has spent a decade chronicling the accounts of people who swear they've seen it.



Sakuji Yoshimura, an archaeologist from Waseda University, is helping a Japanese television crew search the waters of the 80-mile-long lake for the elusive Ogopogo. He was interviewed by a Canadian TV crew upon his arrival in Kelowna.

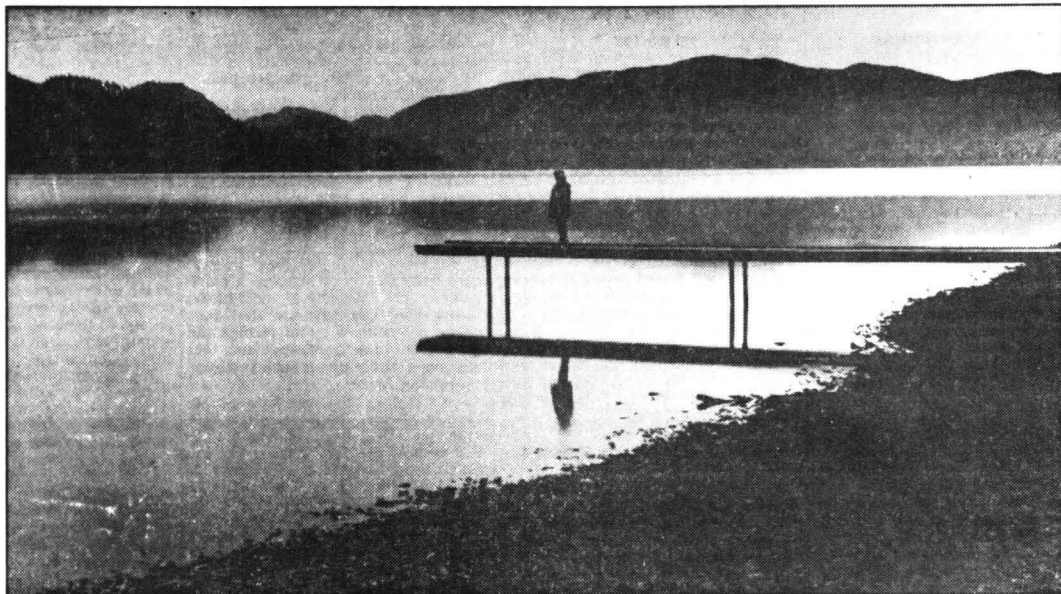


cade chronicling the wide-eyed accounts of people who swear they've seen it.

Gaal, who once photographed what she believes is Ogopogo and is the organizer of the Japanese hunting excursion, said, "I can't stand it any longer. My curiosity has the best of me. I want to see it. I want to take a good look at it."

**THE FIRST REPORT** of Ogie, as the locals affectionately refer to it, was in 1860 when John MacDonald was swimming a team of horses across Okanagan Lake. The horses reportedly were pulled underwater and never seen again.

It is said that a demon-possessed man was changed into a lake serpent by Indian gods as punishment for murdering a respected native named Old-kan-



GRANT M. HALLER/P-I photos

Les Dawson of Peachland, B.C., believes Okanagan Lake's legendary sea monster is a sturgeon that surfaces on sunny days.

## So seriously was an Ogopogo attack taken that in the 1920s authorities considered arming lake ferries.

he-kan. The Indians decided they had to keep Ogie happy, so on certain tribal days unlucky dogs and chickens were weighed down and chucked into Ogopogo's legendary lair - the submarine caves off Rattlesnake Island.

So seriously was the specter of an Ogopogo attack taken that in the 1920s British Columbia, authorities considered arming lake ferries to protect them from the creature. Problem was, they never could decide what weapon might be effective.

The monster was officially named in 1924 when Bill Brimblecomb adapted an English music-hall song about a Zulu:

*"His mother was an earwig,  
His father was a whale,  
A little bit of head.*



DUANE HOFFMANN/P-I

*And hardly any tail,  
And Ogopogo was his name."*

Skeptics say Ogopogo is an optical illusion created by waves and wind. Another explanation is that it's a giant

beaver. But no one really believes that.

The most popular notion is that it is a sturgeon, presumably one that loves a good game of hide-and-seek. After all, say the fish theorists, sturgeons have been known to grow to 18 feet in British Columbia waters.

Of course, it makes little difference to Gerry Frederick, the genial manager of the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce. Myths make money, fables bring visitors, and Ogopogo has long been a most profitable mascot for this picturesque city.

Kelowna has enthusiastically embraced its monster, whose dragon face is scrawled on paperweights, ashtrays, snowflake bottles, fishing licenses, beer mugs, T-shirts - everywhere an Ogopogo.

Spend a night at the Ogopogo Motel. Get your car fixed at Ogopogo Automotive. For \$3.95 you can buy a red tin of Ogopogo eggs at the Chamber of Commerce.

At Kelowna's waterfront park lounges a grinning replica of the beast, its blue eyes twinkling above the concrete green peeling nose. Several teeth have been yanked out by souvenir hunters.

"We're known for our lake and beaches, but Washington has nice lakes and beaches, too," Frederick explained. With a wink, he added, "But, you see, we also have a sea monster."

Frederick is open about the chamber's desire to exploit the Ogopogo legend.

"It really doesn't matter if it exists or not," he said. "What's important is whether people stay an extra day or two."

Some residents are not as bullish as Frederick, but who's going to complain? The monster makes money.

"We treat it with kid gloves," said Bryden Winsby, editor of the Kelowna Capital News. "It's a symbol of the community. You don't take shots at myths."



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Gerry Frederick of the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce shows a tourist publication that offered \$1 million for proof Ogopogo exists. No one was able to claim it.



Herb Rashke, who often runs a small tug across Okanagan Lake, has seen "something" moving faster than a speedboat across the lake several times.



Ogopogo souvenirs abound in the town of Kelowna. The Chamber of Commerce unhesitatingly admits that serpent legends are great for business.

# Two Teams Put New Life in 'Cold' Fusion Theory of Energy

**By WILLIAM J. BROAD**

Defying reports of the demise of "cold" fusion, two teams of scientists yesterday announced what they said was new support for its existence.

The findings of both teams, announced at separate news conferences, are being published in *Fusion Technology*, a journal of the American Nuclear Society, a professional group based in La Grange Park, Ill. The journal, which only publishes reports that have been reviewed by scientists, has been generally supportive of claims of achieving cold fusion.

Both teams have new theories and new evidence to explain the purported phenomenon, which two years ago was hailed as the discovery of the century but quickly fell into disrepute as few scientists were able to duplicate the findings.

Moreover, both teams believe the phenomenon will ultimately yield a safe, cheap and virtually inexhaustible form of energy, ending mankind's dependence on oil and other fuels.

"We think it's important that this be gone after in a big way," Dr. Frederick J. Mayer, the leader of one team, said yesterday in a telephone interview. "If this is right, the ramifications are very large."

**Force That Powers the Sun**

Nuclear fusion is the force that powers the sun, the stars and hydrogen bombs, fusing atoms rather than breaking them apart as nuclear reactors do. Fusion normally takes enormous

heat to get started.

The hope of an exception to this rule was raised on March 23, 1989, when Dr. B. Stanley Pons, a chemist at the University of Utah, and Dr. Martin Fleischmann, a British chemist, announced that they had achieved fusion at room temperature in a tabletop device. But as hundreds of laboratories around the world failed to duplicate the experiment, most cold-fusion efforts collapsed.

The announcement involving Dr. Mayer was unusual, in that he is a respected "hot" fusion physicist, having worked in the field for two decades and having run advanced programs at KMS Fusion, an Ann Arbor, Mich., company that pioneered methods used in trying to harness hot fusion with laser light. Dr. Mayer now runs his own consulting firm in Ann Arbor, Mayer Applied Research Inc.

## New Subatomic Particle Reported

His new work, done in collaboration with Dr. John R. Reitz, also a physicist, posits the existence of a new kind of subatomic particle that the scientists say is responsible for the bafflingly erratic results from cold-fusion experiments around the world. The experiments are characterized by irregular bursts of heat and scattered reports of nuclear byproducts. The hypothetical

subatomic particle, they say, also explains other riddles of physics, such as the ease with which hydrogen passes through some metals.

The theoretical particle is envisioned as a fleeting union between a proton, which carries a positive charge, and an electron, which carries a negative charge. The union yields a neutral particle that has no repulsive forces and under some conditions can fuse with other particles.

Dr. Mayer and Dr. Reitz have done no experiments themselves, instead using their theory to attempt a clarification of conflicting cold-fusion claims. They say, however, that their theory points to ways to change the usual cold-fusion apparatus and that they are embarking on such modified tests in Ann Arbor.

Their paper, "Nuclear Energy Release in Metals," appears in the May issue of *Fusion Technology*. On Wednesday, the two physicists presented their findings in a seminar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass.

## Process Called Chemical Reaction

The other news conference yesterday was held in Lancaster, Pa., by Dr. Randall L. Mills, a medical doctor who graduated from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster with a chemistry degree in 1982 and from Harvard Medi-

cal School in 1986. He is president of Mills Technologies, a small firm in Lancaster that develops novel medical technologies.

Dr. Mills says the cold-fusion process is a previously unknown type of chemical reaction, rather than a nuclear one. Nonetheless, he says, the exotic reaction is extremely energetic and can produce vast heat.

In an interview, he said he had conducted 1,000 experiments with a simple apparatus over the past 18 months and had applied for patents on the process, which differs markedly from the Utah one. He also asserted he had set a new record in generating heat, saying his apparatus puts out up to 40 times more energy than put in.

The apparatus uses a nickel electrode in an aqueous solution of potassium carbonate, a compound commonly used in the manufacture of soap and glass. Excess energy is purportedly produced when an electrical current passes through the solution. The theory sees the excess energy as being released when hydrogen atoms from the water contract into an unusually dense state heretofore undescribed in modern physics.

An article describing the work and the radical theory behind it, written with Steven P. Kneizys, a chemist, has been accepted for publication in the August issue of *Fusion Technology*.

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# Bigfoot a passion of Canadian investigator

**WATER VALLEY, Alberta (AP)** — It's not that Tom Steenburg is fanatical about the sasquatch, a hairy, man-like creature Americans call Bigfoot. He's merely obsessed.

How else to describe a hobby that consumes all his spare time and, alas, as wife Pam ruefully acknowledges, every bit of spare money?

"It's been an obsession since I was a kid," said Steenburg, a 30-year-old hospital maintenance employee. "My parents hoped I'd grow out of it."

It isn't easy being Alberta's unofficial hunter of the sasquatch, which hundreds of people claim to have seen in the Pacific Northwest.

Scientists generally reject the idea of such an animal, and the lunatic fringe makes it hard for a serious researcher to be taken seriously.

Steenburg said he spends as much time and effort debunking false sightings and hoaxes as he does in search of the elusive beast.

"I don't believe in it 100 percent because I've never seen one," he said. "You have to be skeptical to do research."

On the other hand, Steenburg said, he has never seen a wolverine during years of wandering the magnificent western Can-

"There is definitely something out there, and that something leaves huge human-like footprints."

**Tom Steenburg**  
Hospital worker turned  
sasquatch expert

adian wilderness in the foot of the Rockies. Yet wolverines exist.

"There is definitely something out there, and that something leaves huge human-like footprints," he said.

The sasquatch comes from Indian legend. Its name is the English version of the Salish word for wild man, or hairy man.

White travelers heard the legend, then hunters and settlers began telling of footprints and sightings.

According to a book by Steenburg, "The Sasquatch in Alberta," the first white man to find evidence was David Thompson, a fur trader and explorer. He recorded in his diary finding huge footprints in ice while crossing the Rocky Moun-

tains near what is now Jasper, Alberta, in January 1811.

Steenburg has investigated more than 100 sightings and interviews each witness with a standard questionnaire, including a few curves to weed out the nuts.

"When I know there is an obvious fake, I say so," he said. "I try to disprove the sightings, explain them away. It's the ones I can't disprove that are exciting."

From all accounts, the sasquatch walks upright like a man, has huge arms and a covering of hair. It is between seven and nine feet tall with a large head, little or no neck and a face somewhat like that of a gorilla.

"If the sasquatch is real, it will be a major scientific discovery," Steenburg said. "If it doesn't exist, it has to be studied anyway because it is an important part of Canadian folklore."

In a small, map-covered office at the back of his log house, Steenburg marks sightings and footprint locations with colored pins.

He has a shelf filled with plaster castings of footprints and a cabinet stuffed with carefully classified files, interviews with witnesses and a folder labeled "lunatic fringe."

Most of the lunatic fringe is in the United States, he said, holding up a Montana tabloid newspaper headline: "First Bigfoot Captured."

"Ridicule is the biggest problem," he said. "I think less than half the sightings are reported. They are told they are crazy, so they don't want to talk about it."

Most ranger stations and Royal Canadian Mounted Police offices have his card and call him about sighting reports.



Tom Steenburg with footprint from one reported sighting.

Associated Press

## Stripe me, it's the Tassie tiger

A GROUP of excited nature-watchers claim they have discovered tracks belonging to the Tasmanian tiger, thought extinct for more than 50 years.

They have made plaster casts of the tracks to show to animal experts.

### Find

The track findings follow the discovery of what are claimed to be tiger droppings in the same area of Golconda, near Launceston on Tasmania, early last year.

One nature-watcher, George Richardson, said a neighbour stumbled across the tracks along a dirt road on the edge of a forest.

He said: 'I know a number of people (around the State) who have seen it — they are

sure they have seen it — and they are not idiots.'

Richardson believed the unusual tracks could have been made by a small wallaby with its paws together, but he made 18 plaster impressions for examination by wildlife authorities.

Although he was unsure about the find, Mr Richardson said he was 80 per cent confident the Tasmanian tiger still existed in the area.

Mr Richardson, who is lobbying with other Golconda residents against logging in local forests, denied he was using the Tasmanian tiger to boost their anti-logging argument. — NZPA-AAP.

But Parks, Wildlife and Heritage Minister Harry Holgate said today it was now generally accepted among wildlife experts the tiger was extinct. — NZPA-AAP.

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# Study finds odd reactions to '89 quake

## Perceptions of reality shaken by trauma

Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS** — The 1989 California earthquake caused weird-sounding reactions, such as a sense of detaching from one's body, even in mentally healthy people not involved directly in the devastation, a study says.

A survey taken shortly after the quake also found that some people had experienced a sense that their surroundings were not quite real. Some mentioned unusual body sensations, such as spinning or falling down a tunnel.

Others said that they had felt that time slowed down or that personal experiences sometimes seemed to be happening at a psychological distance, almost as if they were appearing on television.

People who have such reactions to a traumatic experience should be assured that those things "happen to normal people, and they're not crazy," said researcher Etzel Cardena.

Prior research has also found such reactions to traumatic events, he said.

Cardena is a research fellow at Stanford University and an assistant professor of psychology at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.

He presented the study Wednesday at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. The report was co-authored by Dr. David Spiegel of Stanford.

The work is "very interesting and important," said Martin Roth, a professor of psychiatry at Cambridge University in England.

The study involved a survey of 101 graduate students and faculty at two San Francisco Bay Area institutions. The students filled out questionnaires within a week of the Oct. 17, 1989, earthquake.

A second survey was taken about four months later, involving 98 people from the same institutions. Most had participated in the first survey.

The second survey was more a measure of normal rates of psychological experiences than a gauge of lingering effects, although it is not clear whether the effects had disappeared, Cardena said in an interview.

The samples were not representative of the population as a whole. Cardena said that he thought the findings would be similar in other groups.

Most study participants were not endangered by the earthquake, nor did they lose their homes or participate in rescue efforts, he said.

But they were affected by the "very scary circumstance" of thousands of aftershocks that promoted concern of a major earthquake recurrence, he said.

In addition, he said, "everyone I know of was really glued to the TV set," which repeatedly showed traumatic scenes like rescues from a collapsed part of an elevated freeway.

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Associated Press

Bigfoot was purportedly captured in this 1967 photo, taken in Del Norte County, Calif. It's one of the few scraps of physical evidence of the legendary creature.

## They're on the Trail of Something Big

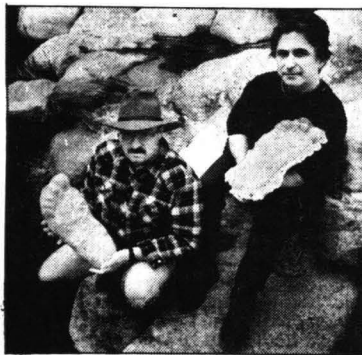
By SHANNON SANDS  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

To some, Bigfoot is the stuff of childhood tales, low-budget movies and supermarket tabloids. To Peter Guttilla, Bigfoot is alive and well in Southern California.

Guttilla says his first experience with the giant, furry creature was on a snowy night in Pippin, Wis., when he was 2 years old. He and his mother heard strange noises and the next day found even stranger prints.

More than 40 years, thousands of dollars, countless miles and only one sighting later, he is still looking for the legendary creature known as Sasquatch, Yeti, Skunk Ape, Abominable Snowman, Creep Devil, Bush Man and Ridge Runner.

"I would like to be standing right there and look up at it," said Guttilla, who lives in Corona. "I'd love to prove it exists if only to make a point. I have no dreams of having it named after me, like 'Guttillikasraunchy' or something like that. I'm not Captain Ahab after the white whale, and I'm not



TAMMY LECHNER / Los Angeles Times

Terry Albright, left, and Peter Guttilla hold plaster impressions of Bigfoot footprints.

a Don Quixote going after windmills either. I really think it merits attention."

Guttilla, 45, and his research partner, 40-year-old Terry Albright of La Verne, have spent countless hours trekking through the woods, listening for Bigfoot's high-pitched scream and—if they are lucky—making plaster casts of prints. They subscribe to clipping services and talk for hours on the telephone and in person with those who say they've seen Bigfoot.

Sightings have been reported around the world, leading people to believe there may be more than one Bigfoot—most often described as a large, furry animal or man with big feet and a shy nature.

With other researchers, Guttilla and Albright recently formed a nationwide network to exchange information and investigate sighting reports. Many of these come in on hot lines the group operates with (800), (900) and (714) area codes.

Many of the reports make their way into a newsletter called the Bigfoot Coop, edited by Constance Cameron, curator of the anthropology museum at Cal State Fullerton and a longtime follower of strange phenomena.

For Cameron, who has never seen a Sasquatch, the newsletter means spending a few nights a month typing reports, photocopying and getting the publication ready for mailing. For Albright and Guttilla, Bigfoot is a time-consuming passion.

"The time I spend on this varies, but in general, it's every spare moment," Guttilla said. "If I get a good sighting report, I will lose sleep. I run my own cleaning business, and I have a supervisor who conducts the actual day-to-day activity of the business so I can pretty much do what I want within reason."

His search has led him to Canada and Mexico, and each summer he and Albright travel to tiny Willow Creek, a Northern California town known as "Bigfoot capital of the world" because of the number of sightings.

"Somehow ordinary vacations lose their luster," Guttilla said. "I just don't find it fulfilling to go to Bermuda when I know I could go somewhere else and possibly have the experience of a lifetime."

Scientists and others, however, scoff at Sasquatch. Groups including the Buffalo, N.Y.-based Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal have considered photographs, hair samples and footprints and remain unconvinced.

"I think at the moment Bigfoot is an interesting, exciting kind of space fiction character, but there's no proof that such a being exists," said Paul Kurtz, group chairman and professor emeritus of philosophy at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

"The best efforts of scientists to discover such a creature have end-

ed up with zero results," Kurtz said. "If such a species existed, there'd be hard evidence—but there's not. It seems to be largely speculation and fantasy."

Such skepticism has given Guttilla a thick skin.

"I've got nothing to protect," he said. "My reputation was shot down in the clumps long ago. It doesn't matter. . . I'm not running for public office. I don't care if there are people out there who think I'm crazy. I've lived with that all my life, and I'll probably live and die with that stigma. But I believe in what I'm doing."

Tabloid newspapers with stories on Bigfoot alongside those about people being shrunk to the size of martini olives have also done little for the subject's credibility.

Said Guttilla: "These tabloids know that when they don't find a legitimate report—and those of us who are legitimate researchers know how hard that is—they make them up." He said they have looked into tabloid claims and none have ever panned out. But he continues his search.

Guttilla and Albright begin a sighting investigation by considering the credibility of the witness, questioning him or her, examining any evidence recovered and then going to the spot to take measurements of the location and to look for trail evidence. If they find a print, they make a plaster mold.

Guttilla and Albright, who works in the film industry, said their families are understanding about their passion. They routinely pile their wives and kids into four-wheel-drive vehicles and traverse bumpy dirt roads to remote locations, where they gather around campfires to tell Bigfoot stories.

Albright's 5-year-old daughters, Kimberly and Kara, are budding Bigfoot fans. They enjoy hunting for Sasquatch and have a little song they sing about "Harry" while hiking through the wilderness. If they ever meet him, they said, they would ask him if he has a girlfriend or is married.

For others, family life and Bigfoot research have not been as compatible. Rich Grumley, 56, a Palmdale traffic violator instructor who works with Albright and Guttilla, said that although his ex-wife initially encouraged him to become active and pursue some interest, he thinks his frequent absences led to their divorce.

Despite their years of searching, the trio's firsthand experience with Bigfoot has been limited to brief encounters. Guttilla said he sighted a creature from afar in the Mojave Desert in 1974. Albright claims he saw one leap across a road southeast of Palmdale in 1975. Grumley said he saw two in Kern County about the same time Albright sighted his.

The men say they have interviewed many people they believe have sighted Bigfoot.

Guttilla was one of the first in the Bigfoot camp to suggest a possible connection between Bigfoot and UFOs. He points to American Indian legends in which the creature was linked to "shiny silver moons."

But there's not enough evidence to determine whether the creature is a visitor from another planet, a throwback to primitive man or a member of an obscure Indian tribe that somehow remained aloof from the rest of the human species, "Nobody really knows," Guttilla said. "It's anybody's guess."

The three researchers say they would like an extended encounter with a Sasquatch, a chance to photograph it and possibly tag it with a radio transmitter. Through the 900 number and other sources, they are trying to raise enough funding for air support, night vision equipment and cameras they could set up at a remote location for an extended period. With such equipment they could produce scientific evidence of the creatures, who Guttilla believes may possess great intelligence.

"From my research, I'm convinced they are able to process information," he said. "They make judgments, they have family units, they transmit information from one generation to the next."

Although Bigfoot information is just as scarce now as it was 40 years ago—the researchers rely primarily on hair samples and footprints—the men say their work is important.

"We're not doing it because we like ghost stories or we want to frivolously waste our time tracking down gremlins or hobgoblins," Guttilla said. "We're doing this because we think it will have an impact on mankind, that it's important for human beings to know that their universe is filled with life, life beyond that which they're being told about in school from the conventional Establishment."

June 4, 1991

## Bigfoot fest backers seek ban on hunting

DEMING — Mount Baker Foothills Chamber of Commerce wants to ensure the safety of human revelers, as well as any legendary Bigfoot, during its first Bigfoot at Baker festival scheduled June 21 to 23 in the foothills communities.

The chamber tonight plans to ask the Whatcom County Council to adopt a resolution to protect any Bigfoot, or people in Bigfoot costumes, from hunting.

"There is one serious side to this resolution, apart from any publicity this resolution should generate," said Al Magnuson, chamber Vice President for Promotion.

The festival will have an official costumed Bigfoot, and others may be dressed to resemble the legendary, ape-like creatures some believe roam the wilds of North America. Magnuson said he wants to deter anyone who may consider bringing weapons to attempt to capture or kill a Bigfoot.

"It could be easy for someone who didn't know what was going on to decide here (a costumed Bigfoot) is something they need defense against," he said. "This Bigfoot might be walking down the street."

The resolution asks the council to "declare that any premeditated, willful or wanton slaying of such creature shall be deemed a felony."

Event organizers have not planned a search for the creature, "although as recently as three or four years ago there was a sighting of a Bigfoot on the Nooksack (River) by two Lummi fishermen," Magnuson said. "We've got legends all the way through of Bigfoot in this area."

## Did E.T. call home, leave message on face of Mars?

By DAN SHOPE  
The Allentown Morning Call

On a clear night, almost anyone can see the man in the moon. But only a few people have looked into the face on Mars.

Richard C. Hoagland, a former consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, has seen that face.

It is a face that he and his followers believe could very well have been part of a message to Earth formed by extraterrestrial beings thousands — maybe millions — of years ago.

Yes, real E.T.s.

Photographed during the NASA Viking Mission in 1976, the Cydonia Region of Mars has recently been studied by Hoagland and other scientists as "intelligently-manufactured alien ruins."

Coinciding with President Bush's plan to send men to Mars by 2014, interest in the red planet — and the face on Mars — is beginning to take off.

And so is business.

Hoagland, director of San Francisco-based The Mars Mission, has produced a videotape titled "Hoagland's Mars: The NASA-Cydonia Briefings," and will release a book on the subject in September.

And a former Hellertown, Pa., man has linked up with Hoagland after obtaining trademarks and copyrights for a Mars logo and collectible medallion.

Craig Potter, president of Objective: Mars, has signed an agreement with Hoagland, allowing him to market the logo of the face on Mars.

"Our mission is to make sure the unmanned Mars Observer mission in 1993 takes a look at the Cydonia Region," said Gary Gunderson, director of marketing for The Mars Mission.

"There are some people in the scientific community opposed to it. But

it would be ludicrous not to take a look.

"The geometry is somewhat similar to that of ancient Mideast cities, where there are pyramids and the Sphinx. In fact, Cairo means Mars in ancient Arabic."

By stirring up interest in the Mars missions — its Cydonia Region — Hoagland and others feel the existence of extraterrestrial life can be proven.

Perhaps most intriguing of the NASA photos is the series of images — including the face — on the Cydonia Region of Mars, which are likened to those at Stonehenge.

The face, Gunderson said, is similar to the Sphinx in Egypt.

Hoagland, who helped develop the famous "man and woman" message to aliens for the Voyager mission in 1971, feels there is a message on Mars.

Using mathematics, Hoagland discovered messages that "contain major decipherable clues to a potential new energy resource which could totally transform the energy economy and 'politics' of planet Earth."

Hoagland and NASA have battled over his theories, with the space agency canceling a satellite transmission to television stations across the country in 1990, he said.

"When NASA sent up the Viking in 1976, scientists were looking for microbes," Gunderson said. "Instead they found pyramids and faces. They weren't ready for that. The key is geometry."

But regardless of Hoagland's relationship with NASA and the rest of the scientific community, Potter foresees increased interest in space during the next two decades — and a market for his Mars logo.

"There's been a lot of interest in space with the recent study of President Bush's Space Exploration Initiative on how to reach Mars," Potter said.

# A chilling hairy query: Is Big Foot lurking around Alpine?

By David Harpster  
Tribune Staff Writer

It's big. It's hairy. It's supposedly living somewhere near Alpine. And Terry Albright is convinced it's Big Foot.

"There's something afoot in those hills," said Albright, co-founder of the Big Foot Research Network, a group formed 20 years ago to investigate sightings of the elusive, legendary creature.

Albright recently visited the rural East County community in an attempt to meet with Richard Baddour, a psychiatrist who claimed a Big Foot was eating apples from his trees. The doctor wasn't home, but

Albright toured the area and talked to several residents who reported hearing weird screams and cries at night "that would make the hair on the back of their neck stand up."

His conclusion: The 10-foot-tall humanlike animal is indeed wandering about the back country.

That assessment is shared by Baddour, who has general psychiatry offices in downtown San Diego.

"It is true," he said. "I have seen and heard, and one has seen me. It is very, very serious."

Baddour would not elaborate further, saying he is writing a book on his experiences.

But Albright, a 40-year-old Los Angeles County resident who says he

works as a consultant on movie special effects and props, plans to return to Alpine soon to track the beast.

The swiftly moving Big Foot probably roams a wide area from the Anza-Borrego State Park in northeast San Diego County to the Mexican border, he said. Campers, miners and tourists have called his group's toll-free hot line to report seeing both Big Foot and UFOs in the sprawling desert park, he added.

"It's a hotbed for this kind of activity," Albright said.

Park naturalist Mark Jorgensen scoffs at such a notion, however.

"We get reports of mountain lions

every once in a while, but no Big Foot," Jorgensen said. "I've been here 20 years and if there had been footprints or sightings we'd be the first to know about them."

"It just isn't true."

Albright argues, though, that most who have seen the creature don't notify authorities because they're afraid of being ridiculed. Instead, they often remain silent until they hear of others who've had similar experiences, he said.

"We're up against a laughter cur-

## Alpine?

tain," he said of people who believe Big Foot exists. "We're basically laughed off by the entire scientific community."

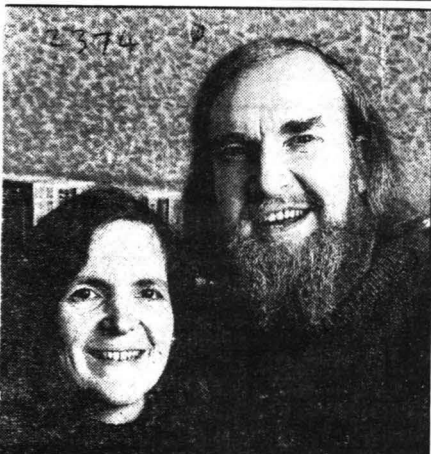
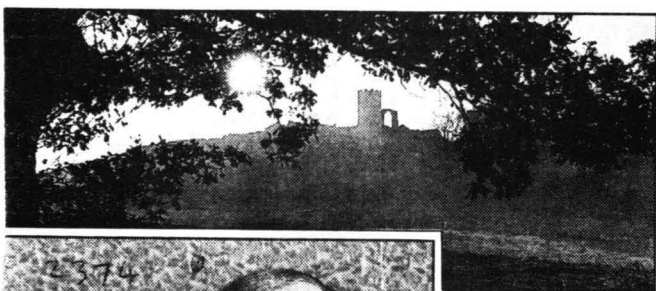
"But ignoring it is like not taking cancer seriously. You can't discount the number of reports we get. Not all these people are manufacturing stories."

The network, which publishes a semimonthly newsletter on the subject, has received hundreds of "legitimate calls from qualified observers" from across the country, he added.

"We probably have as much information as anyone out there," he said.

Albright, whose goal is to film a Big Foot, claims to have seen one in 1975 while driving on a Palmdale highway at 3 a.m. He said he almost struck the creature when it leaped across the roadway.

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MYSTERIOUS: Writers Colin and Janet Bord. Above, Old John hill from which the ley line runs. Above right, the ruins in Bradgate Park where the ghost of Lady Jane Grey is said to appear.

□ GHOSTS, black magic and mythical beasts are the fascinating territory of a Leicester-born author who has collaborated with her husband on a spellbinding series of books. Felicity Newson examines the contribution of Janet and Colin Bord to books on mystery and the occult.

# Magical mystery tour of county

A LOVE affair with the more bizarre aspects of the British heritage has given Janet and Colin Bord the impetus and the inspiration to write a sheaf of books on the subject.

Since the early 70s and the publication of their esteemed Mysterious Britain dossier on the whole gamut of enigmatic phenomena from the Loch Ness monster to the Arthurian legends, Janet and Colin have been enlightening us on a spectrum of strange sightings and experiences at home and abroad.

The husband and wife team have had 15 books published on topics including UFOs, Bigfoot and other alien animals, holy wells, ghosts and ancient customs.

And their latest offering, the Atlas of Magical Britain, gives the armchair reader the opportunity to travel to prehistoric sites, ghostly ruins and homes of hermits, fairies and witches which abound on our shores.

In the latest book, Janet Bord, who was born in Leicester but later moved to Thringstone and attended Ashby Girls Grammar school, returns, in spirit, to the county of her birth, to describe seven sites with eerie or legendary connections. The county sites are:

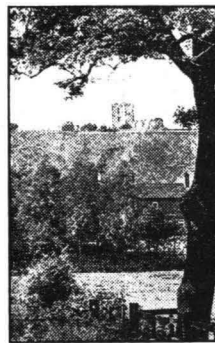
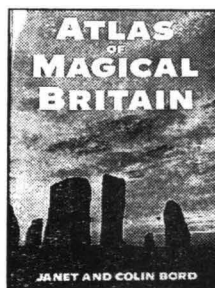
■ Braunston church, outside which there is a strange carved stone which may represent a goddess revered by early pagan worshippers.

■ Breedon-on-the-Hill church, situated on a prominent hill-top high above the village. Legend has it that the church was originally to have been built within the village, but doves carried away the day's building work each night to the uphill site.

■ Hinckley church, where the tombstone of Richard Smith is reputed to sweat blood every year on April 12, the anniversary of his death. Smith was murdered in 1727 by a recruiting sergeant who lost his temper and attacked him with a pike when Smith cracked jokes about the sergeant's attempts to do his job.

■ Leicester itself, where there are numerous spots believed to be haunted, including the Holy Cross Priory on New Walk, houses in the Newark, St Margaret's vicarage, St Martin's churchyard and Friar Lane.

■ Bosworth battlefield, complete with King Dick's Well, where Richard III is reputed to have taken his



BREEDON-on-the-Hill church: Doves carried building work uphill.

last drink before going into battle, and where there are tales of a galloping headless soldier seen in lanes to the north.

■ Bradgate Park, where the ghost of Lady Jane Grey is said to appear on Christmas Eve in a coach drawn by four headless black horses and also appears at other times among the ruins as a White Lady.

■ Grace Dieu Priory, Thringstone, where there have been reports of a ghostly woman in white near the ruined nunnery on the A152 road. When buses stopped for her, or motorists looked back or stopped, there was apparently no-one there.

The Bords also allude to a ley line (straight line between features of the

landscape which are possibly pathways and are believed to have had scientific or magical significance in prehistoric times).

The Leicester line runs along a nine and a half mile stretch which links Oadby church, All Saints' church in Leicester, Woodgate crossroads, a standing stone in a field near Anstey, Anstey church, the haunted grounds of Bradgate House and the notch on Old John Hill in Bradgate Park.

Janet and Colin Bord, who now live in Wales, have accumulated a vast archive of factual information and pictures and are regarded as experts on the folklore, antiquities and mysteries of the British Isles.

In the early '60s Janet, then Janet Gregory, did a two-year secretarial course at the Leicester College of Education. She was then employed by Brockhampton Press, where she became an assistant editor before moving to London in 1970 as a freelance publishing editor.

JANET explains that she was interested in paranormal phenomena and mystical subjects from an early age. She met Colin, a photographer, at a meeting of COSMOS, a UFO group, and gradually the couple began to explore the whole spectrum of unexplainable phenomena together.

"We have pooled our interests and collected a vast amount of data in this subject area, both by travelling around the country and by reading other books and articles," Janet explained.

"We find that there is an inexhaustible interest in mysterious phenomena, which never dates."

□ The Atlas of Magical Britain is published by Sidgwick and Jackson, price £12.95.

## Orbiting astro-nugget carries massive fortune in gold and platinum

By CURT SUPLEE  
The Washington Post

An astronomical El Dorado containing some 10,000 tons of gold and 100,000 tons of platinum has been found orbiting the sun tantalizingly close to Earth, according to a report in today's issue of Science.

Asteroid 1986 DA, as the solid metal "near-Earth object" is known, is 1.2 miles wide and shaped roughly like a canned ham. The itinerant astro-nugget also contains approximately 10 billion tons of iron and a billion tons of nickel.

At today's prices, the commodity value of 1986 DA is appropriately astronomical: The gold alone is worth about \$90 billion and the platinum nearly a trillion dollars.

Immediate prospects for mining, however, are dim: The nearest the asteroid gets to Tiffany's is about 20 million miles.

According to astronomer Steven Ostro, who helped discover the orbiting ingot, "if in the next century we go into space robotically or in person, this asteroid — or many others yet to be discovered — could be among the targets of such missions, and the metals could be used for construction in space."

Current theory indicates that such extraordinary metallic abundances can only form in the cores of planet-like bodies, and the researchers report in Science that 1986 DA appears to be "derived from the interior of a much larger object" that existed billions of years ago and "subsequently was disrupted by a massive collision."

A collaborative team from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Cornell's National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center, the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Washington State University and the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico spent nearly five years analyzing data collected during 1986 when the asteroid reached its closest approach to Earth in a multimillion-mile elliptical orbit that reaches out near Jupiter.

Arecibo's 20-acre dish fired a radar beam at the asteroid, which reflected back an astonishing 58 percent of the signal. By contrast, ordinary asteroids — commonly found in the main belt between Mars and Jupiter and usually composed of puffy silicates, carbon compounds and other valueless mineral rubble reflect only about 16 percent of the signal.

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