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## Circles don't square with science, so Louisville friends look elsewhere



Alan Dumas

Other Directions

Kit McCray and Tere Kristovich of Louisville are perfectly normal people who came up against a very abnormal phenomenon.

Both are wives and mothers. McCray is a nurse, Kristovich a psychotherapist. On a trip to England they ran into the crop circles, those mysterious patterns that seem to appear spontaneously in the vegetation of the English countryside.

"The most amazing thing about them is the perfection," remembers McCray. "The huge size, the lack of damage to the plants involved and the absolute perfection."

Being ordinary people faced with something extraordinary, maybe even supernatural, they had to quietly rethink reality. Or, as they put it, they said, "Now what?" Do you just go home and forget it, or do you try to work it into your world view?

McCray and Kristovich did the latter, and they are sharing that process in an upcoming seminar they'll be giving around the metro area called "More Than Meets the Eye: New Views of an Old Planet."



Steve Groer/Rocky Mountain News

Kit McCray and Tere Kristovich don't claim to have answers for life's strange occurrences, but they're willing to ask questions.

(For information, call 666-7856.)

"How can a regular person incorporate something like the circles into their lives?" asks Kristovich. "You imagine what their existence does to things."

"You know how kids imagine when they play house to find out how they'll be when they grow up? Well, this is like playing planet," adds McCray. "It presents a question, and if there are 10 different answers, we look at each one. What if aliens are causing the circles? How would your life and your relationships and your religion and your government look if that was definitely the answer? What if our subconscious kinetic energy is causing them? What if it's the earth talking to us?"

The women say they will discover no final answers, and that's the whole point.

"We don't know what reality is any more than you do," says McCray.

When they first began to give slide presentations to groups about the circles a couple of years ago, the two women discovered they weren't alone in trying to explain some unusual event in their lives. They say that after their talks people would come up and relate stories of ghosts or ESP experiences or UFO encounters.

"These people don't need a confirmation of their experience. They just need permission to talk about it," says McCray. "They need a place to talk about it."

What frustrates the two is the continuing perception that anything paranormal is always viewed as a momentary interruption of what's natural instead of being part of nature.

"We're not victims. We're part of it all," is how Kristovich puts it. "How many stories do we need to hear. How many close encounters or ESP experiences or ghosts or

Virgin Mary appearances do we need before we just decide to say something is happening? ... No one knows what to do with the question, 'What next?' At least we will try to imagine some answers."

Leading a seminar about the nature of reality might seem a bit of a challenge for a pair of middle-aged women from Louisville, but they aren't the least bit intimidated by the prospect. Kristovich explains why.

"On March 3, 1990, my daughter was playing basketball for Centaurus High School," she says. "They were behind two points at the end of the game that would determine if they went to the state finals. At the buzzer she was in the middle of the court and there was nothing to lose so she just threw the ball and it went through for a three-pointer. Everybody just went nuts. So I got her a plaque for Christmas that said, 'Never Say Can't 3/3/90.' After you've seen something like that once, how can you ever again say that you can't? That's how I feel. I don't need 87 million more close encounters. After the circles, I just said, 'OK, they're here. Now what?'"

And McCray says we don't have to wait for science to answer that question.

"Our background tells us that science has to explain something before we can use it," she complains. "Well, maybe we don't have to sit around waiting for an explanation. ... Waiting around would be like Columbus waiting for proof there was really something out there before he would agree to set sail."

## Russian pilot/scientist continues search for UFO answers

By Howard Morgan

Before her visit in 1980 to the Pamire Mountains in Russia, Dr. Marina Popovich's life had a purpose. She was a colonel in the Soviet Air Force, a test pilot and a participant in the Russian Cosmonaut program. During her thirty-year career, she set 101 world aviation records and had published six books on her flight experiences. She was president of the World Association of Woman Scientists, and a member of the International Association of Pilots. She knew where she was headed, or at least she thought she knew. Suddenly, during a pleasure trip to the mountains she saw something that changed her life.

Popovich describes it as a spherical object that came out of the sky. It zigzagged across the sky and finally

from this spot and move up to the sphere where it stopped. This happened three times before the object maneuvered its way back towards the sky.

What was it? A flying saucer? A government experiment? Colonel Popovich decided to find out, and from that moment forward her life has been dedicated to that quest.

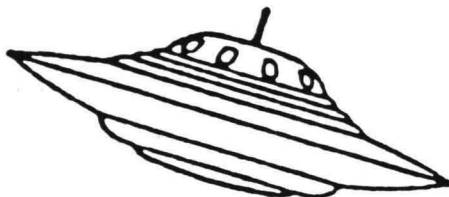
I caught up with Dr. Popovich at the Whole Life Expo in L.A. in November where she was being joined by three other Russian scientists and an American healer by the name of Gene Egidio, who has worked extensively with Dr. Popovich in the Soviet Union.

When I asked Dr. Popovich what the purpose of her trip is, she told me (through her interpreter and fellow scientist Larissa Vilenskaya) that she wanted to have a part in "creating a bridge between the Soviet

the paranormal. She and her group have started an organization dedicated to the gathering and documentation of unexplained phenomena.

"We are constantly searching for like-minded people," she explained. "When people of similar ideas get together, the joint work brings solutions at a different, higher level."

When asked if she was merely advocating the existence of UFOs, she insisted that the issue was far more complex. "It is not a question of whether or not they exist, anybody who can't believe that is blind. The issue is what influence they've had and continue to have in our societies. I believe they have personally contacted and had a profound influence on many of the great thinkers of history. ... She went on to list several Russian philosophers and scientists who had all claimed to have been contacted.



definitely believes a lot of communication has taken place between UFOs and our governments. The powers that be, however, have all agreed not to tell the rest of us because they don't believe we're ready to hear about them.

Since the Glasnost revolution swept through Russia, Dr. Popovich has found a gateway for her free thoughts. Before the press was liberated, most of her work and all of her writings were silenced by the KGB. She says it's almost hard to believe you don't need to ask permission to speak anymore.

She has spearheaded the formation and is currently the president of the Association of Scientists Researching UFO Phenomenon and Anomalous Phenomenon (UCUFON). She also plans to make a concerted effort to help bring American and Soviet scientists to a round table where, to put it in her words, "we can strive for a higher level of knowledge."

Not all may agree with her teachings, but nobody can argue with the logic behind a world conference of scientists. Einstein died while pushing for such a union and, as far back as the days of Aristotle, scientists and philosophers have been teaching that the development of knowledge should be blind to politics.

Perhaps the development of instant worldwide communication media and the global awareness of pressing problems have created an atmosphere where this concept might flourish. If this is true, it will take individuals like Dr. Marina Popovich to negotiate on both sides of the line and ignore the boundaries.

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stopped in mid-flight, hovering over a valley in front of her. Next, the object emitted a beam of light that began to move towards the ground below. The beam, explained Popovich, seemed to hit the ground, then a similar beam appeared to bounce

Union and America based on friendship and mutual understanding. We need to work together at gathering information."

Since her experience twelve years ago, Colonel Popovich has spent a lot of time investigating UFOs and

## Close Encounters of the Newton kind?

# Strange sights in Abington skies

By PAM ZIKOSKI  
Journal Staff

Could word of Newton Township's temporary lack of police coverage have traveled to another world and invited aliens to visit the quiet little town last week? Obviously, if they were visitors from another planet, they haven't heard that the police officers are back on the job.

Opinions may differ on what the lights actually were in the sky over Red Barn Village on January 8, but no one who saw them is denying that they were a strange and unusual sight.

The search for the source of the lights began when a resident living on Terra Drive contacted the Lackawanna County Communications Center with a report of four or five low-flying, unidentified flying objects. After receiving the call, the dispatcher contacted Sgt. Anthony Cali of the Newton Police Department.

"The dispatcher called me and asked me to call him back on the phone because he didn't want to say it over the radio," Cali explained. "He said, 'You're not going to believe this, but we have a report of UFO's.'"

Cali met the resident at his

home, but nearly 45 minutes later, he still hadn't seen the reported lights. Then, quite suddenly, Cali said he saw four or five lights "flying in a strange manner and acting in a strange manner." He reported that the lights stayed in the sky for nearly three hours.

By strange, Cali explained that the lights seemed to hover, instead of travel in any direction, and often would seem to separate and come together. The objects reportedly didn't make any noise that could be heard in the area.

"I called the Wilkes-Barre/

Scranton International Airport and asked them to check their radar and they said there was nothing in the area," he said. "So I said, check it again."

A plane was dispatched from the airport, and Cali said the lights couldn't be seen by the pilot, although Cali and other residents watched the plane fly between the UFO's.

"The only thing they had on radar was the plane they sent up," he explained.

Although Cali wouldn't say if he thought the source of the lights came from outer space, he did dispute explanations of ice crystals and weather phenomena offered by some commentators.

"Nobody said they were aliens," he commented. "Everybody saw them. They were there. It's not like they weren't there. It was definitely none of those things they mentioned. People shouldn't try to explain what they were without seeing them for themselves."

Regardless of what the lights were, Newton Township certainly got a lot of attention because of them.

"We had a lot of people up here watching them, it was fun," Cali said. "People called about them from as far away as Binghamton."

Bill Wallick, a Federal Aviation Administration air traffic control supervisor at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport, was on duty the night the lights appeared.

"We saw something up there," Wallick said. "I was the supervisor on duty that night."

Because it was an extremely clear and cold night, Wallick and his co-workers were commenting on the weather a few hours before the lights were reported.

"It was funny, because about four of us were standing around

*"Nobody said they were aliens,"*

Sgt. Anthony Cali  
Newton Police

that night and one of the guys said, 'Boy, what a clear night. It's a great night for UFO's,' he laughed.

Wallick explained that because it was such a clear night, he wasn't surprised that the lights appeared in the sky, and although he couldn't totally explain them, he's seen similar sights before.

"You see lights all the time on this job," he said.

One reason for the lights, according to Wallick, is that because of the clear sky, what someone sees in the sky that appears to be very close, is actually far away, and therefore, not appear on radar.

"It was so clear that night, and your depth perception can really be distorted in that kind of clear air," he explained. "Those lights could have been 200 or 300 miles away."

When asked if the lights could actually be aliens from another planet, Wallick wouldn't dispute the possibility.

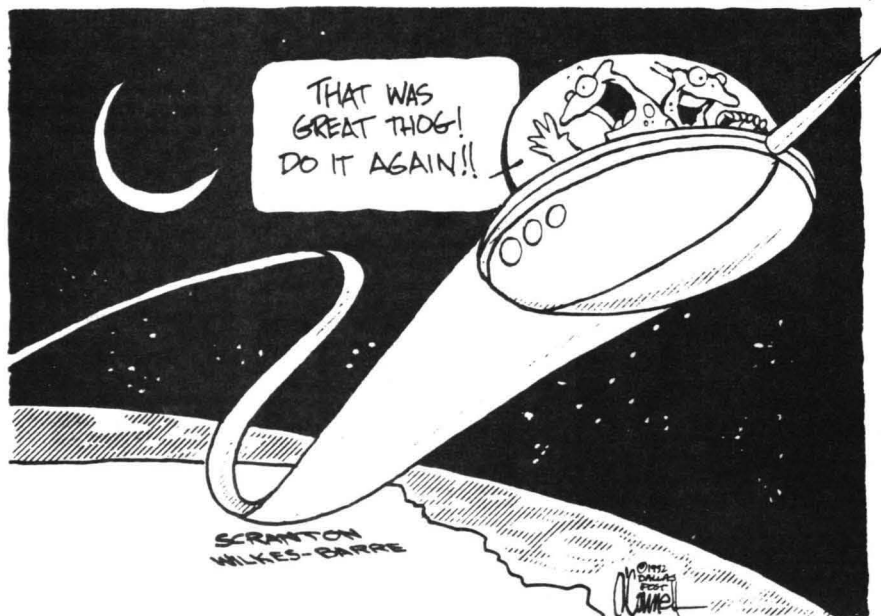
"The universe is too big for us to be the only ones around," he said.

Wallick said there was no official report of a UFO made because there is no such thing. He did say that there is a telephone number to call to report phenomena to a research center, which he gave to the Lackawanna County Communication Center dispatcher, who called it. Reportedly, the research center said that the clarity of the weather distorted depth perception.

"If we had a pilot say, 'I saw something and I had to make a sharp turn to miss it,' then we would have to file a near mid-air collision report and on the report where it asks what it was they almost hit, I would have to say 'unknown,'" Wallick explained.

An employee of Lou's Market, located in Red Barn Village, who wished to remain anonymous, said he didn't believe the lights were aircraft.

"They're saying it was a plane; that was no plane," he said. "There shouldn't be a plane flying that low in a residential district. When something like that happens, you never get to the bottom of it. It's something they can't explain, and they don't want to explain."



WATAUGA DEMOCRAT, Boone, NC - Jan. 3, 1992 CR: G. Fawcett

## MUFON reports many UFO sightings in N.C.

UFO sighting reports were received from 14 different towns and cities in North Carolina during 1991, an official from the Mutual UFO Network of North Carolina (MUFON-NC), Inc. revealed recently.

George D. Fawcett, 62, of Lincolnton, who serves as the public relations director of MUFON-NC Inc. and has been a civilian UFO investigator and researcher for the past 48 years, released his annual UFO report for the Tar Heel State recently.

Mr. Fawcett said unidentified flying object reports came from Winston-Salem, Salisbury, between Cherryville and Kings Mountain, Shelby, Ellenboro, Lincolnton, Belmont, Huntersville, Chocowinity, Lexington, Asheboro, Iron Station and Marshville, in that order, over the past 12 months.

Eleven of the 14 sightings reported occurred at night after 6 p.m., and most of the objects were described as huge with multi-colored lights. Two of the UFO encounters involved humming sounds.

The number of cases reported by individuals and/or multi-witnesses was split down the middle.

Some of the UFOs reportedly seen had what witnesses described as "windows," "doors" or "portholes," and the sightings lasted from seconds to 45 minutes. A variety of different shapes were recorded, but optics and viewing conditions might account for some of the differences, Mr. Fawcett said.

Six of the eyewitnesses remained confidential, while the other eight sightings came from witnesses who made their names public. Since experience has shown that only 10 percent of UFO sightings are reported in the first place,

Mr. Fawcett said 1991 encounters in North Carolina were far more numerous than one would believe.

On Jan. 12, Cecily Murray and her 13-year-old daughter, Ellen, reported their automobile was paced by a large object on the Coliseum Road in Winston-Salem at 9:30 p.m. The UFO was covered with two "great lights and a series of 40 to 50 smaller lights," they said.

On Jan. 22 or 29, retired school teacher Jean C. Miller saw several Saturn-shaped UFOs moving up and down above nearby treetops and moving in a southwestern direction. The UFOs were described as reddish-orange in color and "larger than a house." The incident occurred at 10 p.m. in Salisbury.

On Jan. 31, between Cherryville and Kings Mountain, a law enforcement officer (whose name is on file) took several photographs of a disc-shaped UFO hovering at a low altitude at 11 p.m. The yellowish-white UFO was filmed on 35mm film.

On Feb. 11, in Shelby, a housewife and two other eyewitnesses (whose names are on file) reported seeing a huge UFO with pulsating red, green, blue and yellow lights at 7:15 p.m. The observers, who watched the UFO through binoculars, said it made no sounds and turned bright red before its departure.

On March 24, a former Army engineer, Douglas Dyers reported seeing a 11-30-foot-half globe-shaped UFO upside down, which hovered about 500 feet away at 11:45 p.m. at Ellenboro. The UFO entered an orange fog and one minute later it disappeared. Mr. Dyers said the strange object was about "two times the size of a full moon" and was covered with white

lights.

On April 13, in Lincolnton, two women, Tracey Lowman of Maiden and Rita Sellers of Bessemer City, reportedly encountered a huge UFO flying above their car on U.S. 321 at 8:50 p.m. The two eyewitnesses said the UFO was covered with blue, yellow, pink and white lights and seemed to be the size of a football stadium. Both said they were badly frightened by their experience.

On April 24, in Belmont, a Shoney's employee, Kerry Hester, saw three oval-shaped UFOs hovering silently and then moving from side to side 200 feet off the ground. They were estimated to be about 900 feet away. The witness said the UFOs had amber lights toward their front ends, as well as "red windows." The witness watched the UFOs for a three-minute period, starting at 6 a.m. A check with the Federal Aviation Administration radar at Douglas International Airport in Charlotte showed no UFOs on their screens at the time.

On May 7, in Huntersville, a Pizza Hut employee (whose name is on file) heard a loud "tuning fork sound" outside his home near the McGuire Nuclear Plant. He saw an object with three tiers of lights or portholes at 3 a.m. The witness reported he felt a "missing time" episode, often reported in close UFO encounters. This report is still under investigation.

In July (no exact date given), in Chocowinity (near Washington, N.C.), Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mills and others reported seeing "two white lights" in the sky. The UFOs were self-illuminating and were seen for over an hour starting at either 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. Witnesses said the UFOs moved silently, merged, split and then left straight

up in the sky, while giving off a red light.

On July 11, in Lexington, a husband and his wife (whose names are on file) reported seeing a cigar-shaped UFO with a "bright white light on each end" hovering overhead at 9:20 p.m. It made a circular motion while moving in a straight line for three minutes. It stopped and hovered silently, then moved away, disappearing in the western sky, the witness said.

On Aug. 2, in Lincolnton, three or four persons, among them Teresa Yoder, 34, and her brother David Hodge, 20, watched a brilliant "ball-shaped UFO," like the end of a sparkler, giving off red, white, blue and some green colors for about 30 to 45 minutes starting at 12:45 a.m. It moved at a 30-degree angle toward the mountain from Northbrook No. 3 school road. The witnesses watched the UFO through binoculars and reported their experience to Bob Jones at the Lincolnton County Communications Center, who notified Mr. Fawcett about the incident.

On Dec. 7, in Asheboro, a Charlotte psychiatrist (whose name is on file), while hunting near Asheboro at 6 p.m. spotted a big white jet-like trail in the southwestern sky. Through binoculars he said he was able to discern a tear drop-shaped object moving in the sky. The light in front of the UFO was yellow, he said.

On Dec. 10, in Iron Station, a plant employee, Wayne Johnson, stepped outside to eat dinner at 11:45 a.m. when a friend commented on how blue the sky was. Mr. Johnson said he looked up and saw a silver triangle-shaped UFO hovering above his plant at an estimated 2,500-foot altitude. The tri-

angle hovered directly overhead for approximately three seconds, he said, then suddenly gave off a "bright flash" of light and disappeared in the distant sky.

On Dec. 11, south of Marshville, a 10-year-old boy (whose name is on file) was frightened by a rotating hot dog-shaped UFO that he said sported an antenna and "blue-green windows" flew near the witness and between two houses at low altitude at 7 p.m. The UFO had a "door" on it and made a loud humming sound, the boy said.



# UFOs Of The Kickapoo II

## A Wrong Turn Into Destiny At Readstown

by John H. Stime  
E-N Staff Writer

On March 20, 1988, Rev. Jesse Jackson won the Michigan Democratic caucuses. Also, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Secretary of State George Schultz met in Washington, D.C. to discuss the upcoming summit meeting between Gorbachev and Reagan. And, a man from Grand Forks, North Dakota, driving a 1987 Ford pickup truck, made a wrong turn in Readstown, traveling east on Highway 14 rather than south on Highway 61. History might come to see that that wrong turn in Readstown was by far the most significant event to have occurred on that day in this country, on this planet, in this universe.

Prof. John Salter Jr. of the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, and his almost 23 year old son, John III, were traveling to New Orleans to attend the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association convention. He was to deliver a paper entitled "Civil Rights and Self Defense" before that group. A professor in University of North Dakota's Department of American Indian Studies (and department chairman), Salter was an activist in the 1960's Southern Civil Rights Movement. He is the author of *Jackson Mississippi: An American Chronicle of Struggle and Schism*, which records that era. For some reason, Salter decided to go to New Orleans via Southwest Wisconsin.

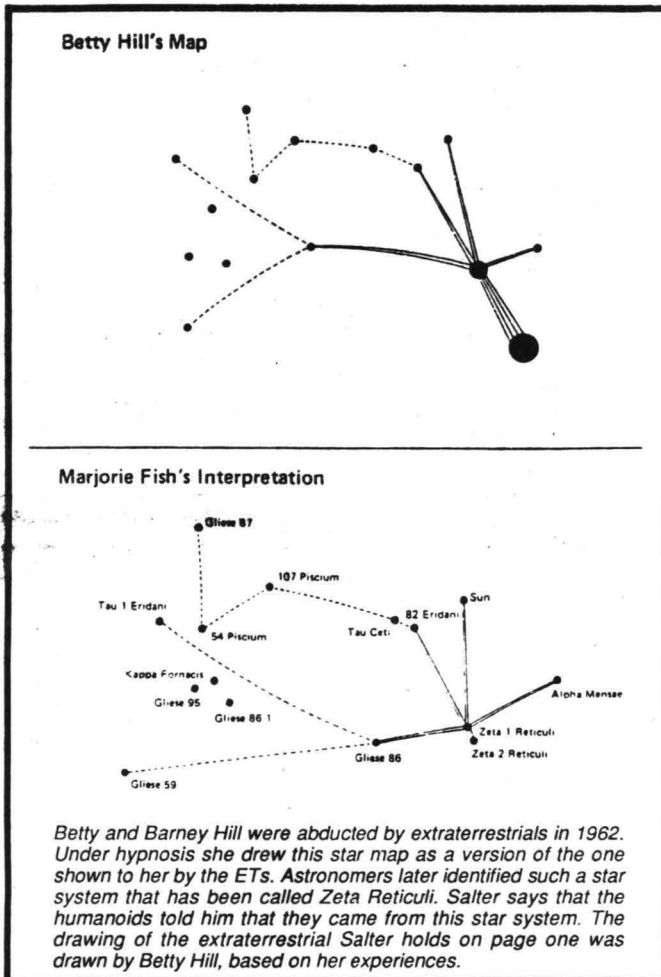
Two lane U.S. Highways 14/61 hardly make the most logical route from North Dakota to New Orleans. However, Prof. Salter and his son, for some reason, found themselves drawn in the direction of this road. As he looked back upon, Salter found himself motivated by an odd wave of nostalgia for Cedar Rapids, Iowa (he had taught at Coe College in Cedar Rapids from 1968 to 1969). This nostalgia was stimulated by a children's song, often sung by Salter and his then young family at that time and at that place - *Kookaburra*, an Australian lullaby:

*"Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree  
Merry, merry king of the bush  
is he.*

*Laugh, Kookaburra; Laugh,  
Kookaburra*

*Gay your life must be!"*

The more that Salter remembered this song, the more he seemed to be drawn to Highway 61 as a means of avoiding Cedar Rapids and its cloying sentimental attachments. And since this is almost like a vacation, why not? This was evidently not a conscious decision reached by Salter and his son, they simply got to LaCrosse in the late afternoon, ate, gassed up, and headed south-east on Highway 14/61. The last thing they remembered, they had reached the top of the Ten Mile or West Coon Valley Hill, and had just passed the wayside at the LaCrosse County line. The next thing they knew, they were climbing the Bashford Hill, going east on Highway 14, just at the west end of the short four lane stretch, outside of Richland Center. Now it was past sunset. They



Betty and Barney Hill were abducted by extraterrestrials in 1962. Under hypnosis she drew this star map as a version of the one shown to her by the ETs. Astronomers later identified such a star system that has been called Zeta Reticuli. Salter says that the humanoid told him that they came from this star system. The drawing of the extraterrestrial Salter holds on page one was drawn by Betty Hill, based on her experiences.

noticed that it was 6:25 p.m. Both men again dropped into amnesia. The next thing they knew, it was 7:45 p.m., and they were now heading down County ZZ for Highway 14, at the top of the Bashford Hill. They turned right onto Highway 14 and headed toward Richland Center. Again, "a curtain of amnesia descended", until they found themselves east of Richland Center, at the intersection of U.S. 14 and Wis. 58. Here, they consulted a map, and found out that they had not only missed Readstown and their intended turn down Highway 61 for Dubuque, but they seemed to have "lost" several chunks of time. They continued on their journey, sleeping at Bettendorf, Iowa and breakfasting in Peoria, Illinois.

The next morning, on the other side of Peoria, they saw "an incredibly bright object, glowing with an extraordinary shimmering silverness" moving in the sky toward and above their car. This was along a stretch of highway where they were the only vehicles to be seen.

"It was about two-thirds the size of the full double highway and, when about 200 yards from us, swerved slightly and rose over the pickup at an angle. We could now make out its saucer-like form and, I think, a slight dome." (page 8, *An Account of the Salter UFO Encounters of March 1988*, by John R. Salter Jr.; 1989)

Even as they saw the ship, the Salters seemed to believe that it was a friendly appearance done for just their benefit.

As the months went by,

memories came back to both men of their missing time experiences. To date neither man has been hypnotized. These memories have just come back as if some imposed forgetfulness had worn off:

"Invariably, as they've developed, my recall vignettes - images and sequences - have come first as vivid dreams in the early morning hours, then recede back temporarily into unconsciousness before emerging the following late morning or afternoon as clear flashbacks laced with a sharp memory of the earlier dream or dreams." (page 8, *Ibid*)

This recall process occurred for both father and son, who were now separated by half a continent - as the son and his wife had moved

to California. Both the father and the son gradually remembered the startling details of their drive down Highway 14-61 on March 20, 1988. On that day, both maintain, they had left Highway 14 on the other side of the Bashford Hill, turned right up into Pier Spring Road. They drove a ways up this narrow, woods enshrouded, gravel road. They stopped the truck, got out and met a group of humanoids from another planet. They visited the spacecraft of these humanoids (which was hidden in the woods a short walk away), and then they went back to the truck. They drove on up Pier Spring Road, turned right onto County ZZ, which swung them back around to Highway 14.

Since that day, UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) have been a big part of the life of Prof. Salter. He now teaches a course at the University of North Dakota Department of Indian Studies called IS 379: UFOs, ETs, and Close Encounters. Over 170 students enrolled in this course for Fall 1991, more would have signed up if a bigger room had been available. Students of about sixty majors were present - "right across the UND undergraduate dimension". Many of these students were from Aerospace Sciences.

Prof. Salter has returned to Western Wisconsin a number of times since 1988, the most recent visit was made in October of 1991. The missing time episodes are all the more amazing since both he and his son went through Coon Valley, Westby, Viroqua, and Readstown, and came away without the slightest memory of any of it. Salter and his daughter took the same journey in June of 1989:

"In the June, 1989 junket, I saw nothing beyond the large hill that I recognized (Editor's Note: This is evidently the Ten Mile or Coon Valley Hill) - everything was "new" - even though there were quaint towns, unique hill formations, and Indian and other place names that could have definitely registered. (In checking with John III, now in California, no landmarks that I indicated were remembered by him). Among other things, we did not recall Readstown and the much advertised forking of the roads with Highways 14 and 61 very conspicu-

ously parting company." (page 5, *Ibid*)

There were two types of humanoids met by Prof. Salter and his son on Pier Springs Road:

"Up closer, they are four to four and one-half feet tall, thin bodies and thin limbs - but comparatively large, quasi-slanted eyes. There are several of these small people - perhaps six or seven - and a taller humanoid figure, almost as tall as I (six feet) and not as proportionately thin as the others. His features are more, as we use the term, "human", - and he may well be a mixed blood." (pages 12-13, *Ibid*)

The communication between the Salters and the humanoids was telepathic. An implant was placed into Prof. Salter's right nostril by these individuals and they also gave him two injections of some kind. They also carefully scanned his son's face with some sort of "flashlight" type instrument whose head is so soft that it melds into the contours of his face".

Later, as the tall humanoid escorted the Salters back to their truck, everyone seemed to have the feeling that things had gone very well for everyone. They all communicated that they "will see one another again, in another place, in another time." As the Salters sat alone in the pickup, they watched the brightly lit UFO rise and fly off.

Both Salters feel that the whole thing was a very positive experience. They felt this way despite the fact that they believe themselves to have been the subjects of some sort of sophisticated mind control from the outset of their adventure. "Their actions (motivations and effects and related factors) are quite positive. While I think it's possible that there may be some "experimentation" involved, I think this is ethically and honorably done - and to good ends. However, I believe the basic thrusts focus on helping some of us (directly) "keep on keeping on" in the business of edging humanity closer and closer to the Sun (figuratively speaking) and sensitizing humanity with respect to the relatively nearby presence of other forms of intelligent life." (page 20, *Ibid*) They are convinced that whatever these visitors want, they mean us no harm. Since that time, Prof. Salter (and his son) have seen numerous medical changes in his own body. His hair and fingernails grow faster. His wounds heal more rapidly. He has effortlessly given up smoking, after a heavy 40 year habit (he was once a 4 pack a day cigarette smoker, later a pound per week pipe tobacco user). He has also recalled previous UFO encounters.

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Wayside, at LaCrosse-Vernon County line, where the Salters dropped into amnesia. (April Paul photo)

The tall humanoid indicated to Prof. Salter that their spacecraft originates from the Zeta Reticuli star system. This is a doubled-starred system, 37 light years away, in which the two suns are both dimmer than our own.

The Salter adventure was the subject of a CBS television documentary entitled *Visitors from the Unknown*. This was broadcast in May 1991, and will probably be re-broadcast soon.

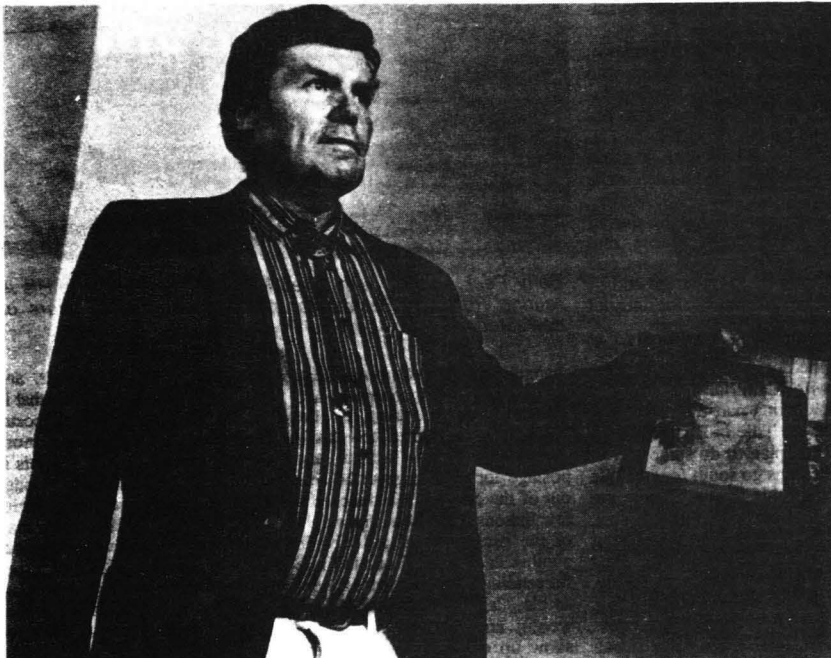
If anyone has comments or information for Prof. Salter he can be reached at 307 North 49th Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58203.

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Prof. John R. Salter Jr. of the University of North Dakota - Grand Forks. See pages 8 and 9 for evidence that local tourism efforts are succeeding beyond anybody's wildest dreams. Zeta Reticuli visitor in drawing. Photo contributed by Professor John Salter Jr.

## A Bird or Plane? Fireball Fuels Curiosity in S. Utah

By Mike Gorrell  
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

The fireball streaking across the sky Saturday night lasted only seconds, but Beryl resident Steven Robinson will never forget it.

Neither will Parowan resident John Holt, who was so certain it exploded into a mountain between New Harmony and Beryl in southern Utah that he wanted to rent a helicopter or small airplane Sunday to search for evidence of its impact.

Although it is highly unlikely a fireball actually came anywhere near that mountain, Hansen Planetarium Director Von Del Chamberlain said, the men are fortunate to have witnessed a phenomenal meteor display.

"I can't think of an event in nature that is more exciting and yet more misunderstood," he said Sunday when informed of Mr. Holt's observations. "It sounds like a very good description of a fireball, a meteor coming through the atmosphere. They are so impressive that people's conclusions aren't valid about distance. You get the impression they're close when actually they're far away."

Mr. Holt was driving north on Interstate 15 about 10 p.m. when he saw "a ball of flame with a tail of red fire 500 feet

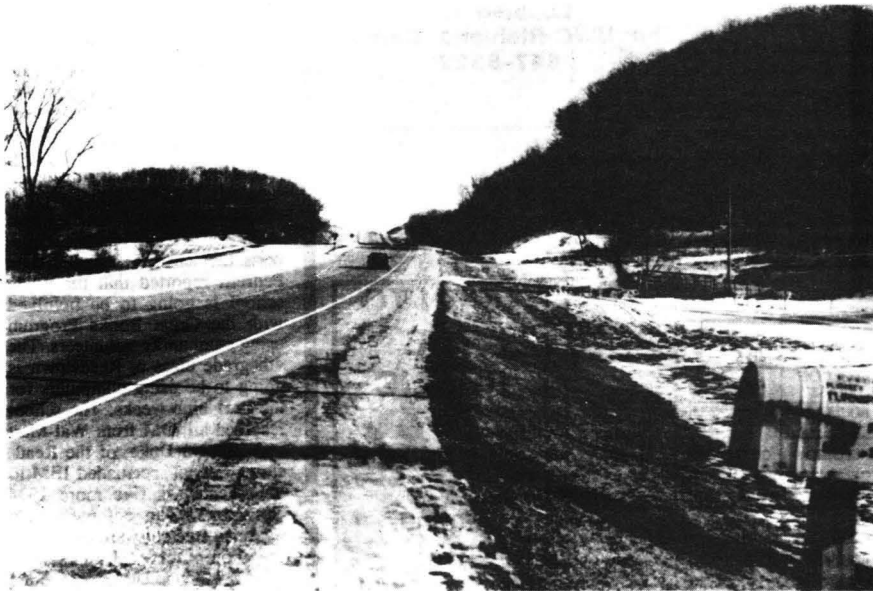
long" descending slightly in the northwest sky. He watched it for 30 seconds before it dropped behind a peak between New Harmony and Beryl in Washington County.

When the peak was backlit brilliantly, Mr. Holt believed the fireball had exploded. "I thought, 'Whoa. There's something here that needs to be found out about,'" Mr. Holt said. Upon arriving home 20 minutes later, he called the Iron County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Holt's report was one of nearly two dozen calls received by the Sheriff's Office, many from Cedar City, said dispatcher Kristie Holm. She dispatched Deputy Wayne Peterson to answer one call — Mr. Robinson's.

Mr. Robinson was driving home to Beryl from a high school basketball game in Enterprise, idly watching the light of a full moon on fields to the west, when they "lit up slightly as though a spotlight had swept across. Then the fireball cleared the roof of my car and came into my line of sight." Mr. Robinson thought the three-second burst of light might have been an airplane that exploded. He called authorities.

The deputy called Federal Aviation Administration officials. They said all planes were accounted for.



Bashford Hill, 4 lane, where Salters regained their awareness for a short time. (April Paul photo)

## SKY SIGHTINGS MYSTIFY LOCAL KIDS U.F.O. REPORTS MADE

"Look, up in the sky..." No, it wasn't a bird, nor a plane and it surely wasn't Elvis for all we could learn, but several Tavernier youth reported seeing what appeared to be a "flying saucer" hovering above a wooded area in town last Friday evening.

"They haven't been this excited about anything, ever..." said the mother of one of the young witnesses to this event.

The "sighting" took place last Friday evening at approximately 6pm. "The boys were looking for snakes," according to mom, "they noticed lights above the trees...bright lights." She tried to relate the excited descriptions of her son's close encounter of the unknown kind. They looked up and said there was an object hovering just above the tree tops...it was big as a house."

In search of more data about the alleged UFO sighting over Tavernier, *The Reporter* contacted the U.S. Air Force and several other agencies to see if anyone had scheduled flight activity over the Keys that evening. The answer from all concerned was a cryptic "no, sir." And, according to records on file with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, no other sightings were reported.

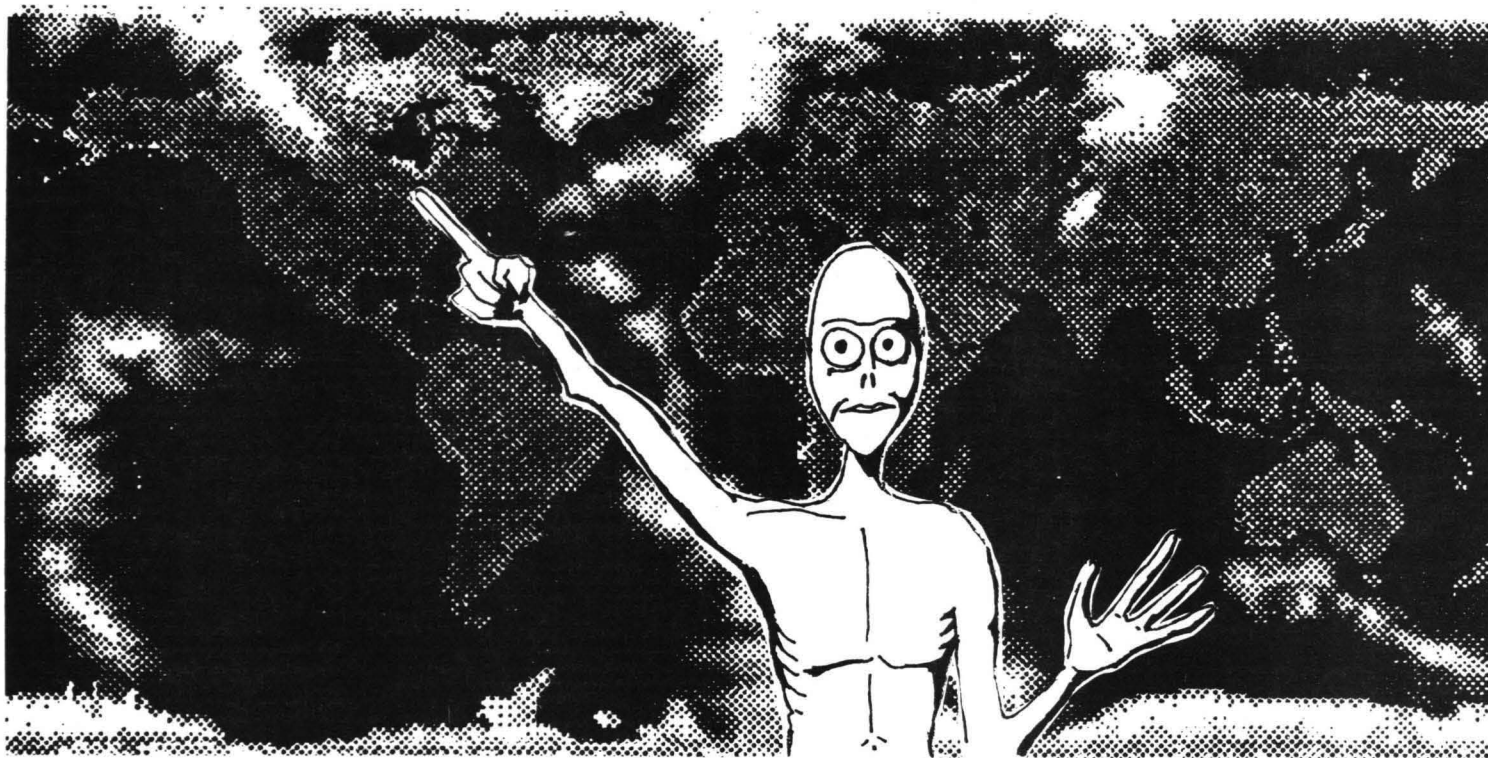
"Perhaps," added mom, "they were alien children also looking for snakes in that wooded lot," incidentally just several houses oceanside of *The Reporter* building. Or perhaps it was Santa on an early reconnaissance mission looking for suitable places to set down on Christmas Eve. So far there have been no comments from the North Pole either.

—Jim Rubino



Pier Spring Road, where Salters turned and again dropped into amnesia. After a short drive up this road, they stopped and met ETs. (April Paul photo)





By WENDY HARRIS  
Journal Staff Writer

**W**hen a Marquette family of seven believed they saw an unidentified flying object in their back yard last year, they called the police.

Instead of investigating the claim, the police referred the family to a group of experts, the Michigan chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, an international organization that investigates sightings.

Not unlike others, the family hesitated. Until the UFO returned.

Generally, the subject of UFOs is considered of whimsical entertainment value or is greeted with skepticism or denial.

But to eyewitnesses whose "close encounters" remain unexplained, UFOs are real, according to Shirley Coyne of Flushing, who directs MUFON with her husband George.

Coyne said many sightings aren't reported because people don't know who to contact and fear they won't be taken seriously.

"People don't want to be ridiculed and are afraid to come forward," she said. "We know the sightings are occurring, but we are not getting the reports."

The Marquette family called MUFON after the second sighting of a 60-foot triangular-shaped UFO with red lights. They said the craft hovered in their back yard, roughly 100 feet from the house.

All seven family members reported witnessing the craft three times in November 1990 and two times in April 1991, Coyne said.

Coyne said she could not disclose names or identifying details about any person claiming a UFO encounter.

# VISITORS FROM ANOTHER WORLD

**Something's out there, according to some Upper Peninsula residents who have seen strange objects in the sky. Some even claim they've made contact.**

The Coynes said they have investigated about 150 reports of UFO sightings since 1983, including four in the Upper Peninsula — in Iron Mountain, Sault Ste. Marie, Escanaba and Rock.

"These were up-close sightings, not distant lights in the sky," she said. The crafts were most often described as disk-shaped but also as boomerang, triangular or cigar shapes.

Ten other sightings were reported to the organization, but because MUFON lacks a U.P. investigator, written reports were never filed, she said.

Six U.P. residents also claim they have been abducted by aliens, Coyne said.

Michigan is among the states that most frequently report UFO activity, said John Timmermann, public relations director for the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago.

A banker at Liberty Savings Bank in Lima, Ohio, and a former field investigator for the center, Timmermann travels around the country giving presentations and organizing UFO exhibits.

He said UFO sightings are underreported.

"Thousands of people have told me they have seen things," he said. "The number of UFOs seen is more than the number reported by a large factor."

MUFON has been registered with state police posts and sheriff departments since 1986.

"We are serious about the work we do, and we try to get that across to them," Coyne said. "We send summaries of our investigations to the police."

ISLANDER, Pensacola, FL - Feb. 7, 1992 CR: E. Walters

## Gulf Breeze UFO Sighting Fascinates Nebraska Visitor

By Bland Pugh

Sunday, February 2. The mystery of the "Gulf Breeze UFO" continues to build in sighting frequency and sheer number of witnesses. With over one hundred and thirty documented local UFO sighting reports filed with MUFON (The Mutual UFO Network) in 1991; this new year has continued the trend.

On this night while the MUFON Gulf Breeze Research Team, located at South Shoreline Park, spotted and photographed the UFO, dozens of residents and visitors also reported seeing the UFO.

Jack Richardson said, "I was driving west on highway 98 passing through Naval Live Oaks Park, when, up in the sky to my right, I saw a red sphere. When I reached the Parkway Animal Hospital, I pulled off the road and watched the brilliant pulsating glow of the unknown object. It suddenly disappeared like a rheostat."

Jane Maney described her sighting this way. "Mary and Tom Zeier, Johnas Meyer, Melody and Corry Cota and I decided to go to the south

end of the Bay Bridge so we might see the famous Gulf Breeze UFO. As we turned into the parking area, there it was! High in the sky, it hovered to the west of suddenly a smaller red object appeared to the right of the first object. They began rotating around one another before moving to the south. Two minutes later they faded and just winked out."

From Pier One Restaurant, Doug Edmunds saw the UFO and said, "I couldn't believe my eyes! I came to Gulf Breeze from Omaha, Nebraska,

hoping to see the UFO and there it was. Most of us in the Restaurant quickly went out on the deck to watch the UFO hover over the Bay. I read a book called "The Gulf Breeze Sightings" and decided to visit Gulf Breeze and try my luck. Yes! Seeing is believing!"

With 1000mm lens cameras and video footage, MUFON investigators confirmed the details reported by these witnesses. The nightly "sky watches" continue from the south end of the bay bridge and from South Shoreline Park.

# Meteor explodes over county

Streaking fireball first thought to be exploding aircraft, lights up sky, several hunt for possible fragments

I saw it flash and then it went out, but I could still see a large dark object about the size of a helicopter going through the air," Broach said.

Broach and several other area residents said the object was traveling in a northwest direction when they saw it. Many calls came in from throughout south Polk County as well as Mena. Two Le Flore County deputies reported seeing a large flash of light in this area from Interstate 259 on Three Sticks Mountain.

Dewey Hamm was in a tower at Hatfield Lumber Company when he witnessed the object. Hamm said the object went down due west of Hatfield.

The watch supervisor at Memphis Center said no planes in that area had been lost from the radar. The supervisor said only two planes were in the area at the time and both were accounted for.

Sheriff Mike Oglesby and his deputies searched the area thoroughly until it was determined that the object was not an aircraft. Around 9 p.m., Deputy Sheriff Buck Bailey and a group of volunteers made a final search of the area where the object is believed to have gone down just over the Mc Curtain County line.

Several observers reported hearing a swishing sound as the object passed which would indicate that the meteor was relatively close, according to James Lynn, science instructor at Rich Mountain Community College.

"It's most unusual for meteors to have sound associated with them, and because this one did, there is a good possibility that it may have reached the ground," Lynn said.

He said the explosion that was observed could be explained by heat and pressure exerted on the meteor as it traveled through the earth's atmosphere which can cause fragmentation.

A small meteorite was found near Hatfield in 1941 by James Sloat. The iron meteorite weighed 21 grams and is presently located in the Center For Meteorite Studies at Arizona State University, according to Lynn.

Several people are continuing efforts to locate the meteorite that is believed to have collided with the Earth approximately ten miles west of the Vandervoort Junction in Mc Curtain County, Oklahoma.

Lynn said if the meteorite is located it would be quite a rare find considering that only about 10 to 20 meteorites per year are discovered throughout the world with the exception of Antarctica, where finds are more common.

One thing is certain, the missile from outer space that brightened the sky Saturday evening will not soon be forgotten by those fortunate enough to have witnessed the rare and spectacular event.

What was first thought to be an aircraft exploding in flight over south Polk County Saturday evening was later determined to be a spectacular meteor known as a fireball, according to Polk County Deputy Sheriff Buck Bailey.

A large number of people began calling the Mena/Polk County Communications Center around 7 p.m. Saturday to report seeing a fiery object streak across the sky and then explode in mid-air.

Tom Bates, who lives about five miles west of the Vandervoort Junction on Cecil Chapel Road (County Road 17), said the explosion rattled a window on the west side of his house.

Glenn Broach, who lives near Bates, said he watched the light show from his pickup near there while driving on Mine Creek Road.

"I was coming up the road and it flashed and then it went out," Broach said.

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## Alien meeting transforms Frankford author's lifestyle

BY RON GIBSON

The mysteries surrounding the development of human kind and the direction this planet should be taking to resolve its problems were identified in an enlightening talk given by author and stargazer, Winifred Barton, of Frankford to a Trenton service group. Barton, who holds an honorary doctorate and has written more than 33 books, described her experiences since being transformed by encounters with alien life.

In fact, on more than three occasions Barton has spotted and recorded extra-terrestrial sightings and has lived through an actual encounter on Sept. 26, 1973. She related the unique experience of ascending from the earth in a spaceship.

"It was a bit of a misty evening around 7 o'clock when a beam of light appeared at the park. A number of us walked toward the light."

She is well aware of the skepticism and disbelief of people who do not accept extra-terrestrialism or ideas beyond what exists on this planet. But notes there are many people who lived through the same experience on that evening in 1973, while visiting the Lester B. Pearson Peace Park near Actinolite, Ontario. They include a Oilmour area man who has also described his experience of being taken into a spaceship.

"When I went on the spaceship it transformed my life," Barton told members of the Trenton Kiwanis Club last Thursday. "I was not the same person I was before going through a time tunnel once entering the space craft. I passed through this time tunnel and experienced many different things and was given a totally different perspective of what life was all about on this planet."

She recalls passing through "an incredible light" while travelling through the time tunnel. She said her impression and her experience led her to believe human kind is no more than a deck of cards being played.

"The experience was quite beautiful and peaceful. We as human beings are limited because of our concept of time," she explained. "We are only here today and gone tomorrow but time continues. We simply go into another dimension. The experience with the humanoid beings were also described as they conversed through telepathy. They appeared to be a very soft and gentle being," she added.

Barton says there has been an incredible cover up of the sightings and extra-terrestrial encounters by governments. She believes the reason for the government not to admit or tell humankind of these encounters is that its intent is to use what it has learned for its own purposes.

The local resident has travelled and lectured worldwide to colleges, universities and to many intellectual bodies and councils and recently appeared on the Dina Petty Show. She had her own television show in Ottawa from 1971 to 1973.

She is convinced there are other dimensions beyond our own because of

her transformation.

"The experience of this transformation was like getting out a little bottle and coming to understand that I am an infinite being."

Barton said in travelling through the tunnel she experienced many of the solutions to the world problems. Also, it appears that light and time are the same thing.

She described her abduction into the ship and viewing the earth before quickly disappearing through some sort of navigational device.

Following her return, a variety of tests were carried out with samples of small traces of metal and other things sent to the University of Guelph and other places for analysis.

The results of the tests came back to be something far beyond the normal range of technology.

She recalls the humanoid figures appeared to be more electrical and not

solid and could vanish at any time. Although the humanoid beings were gentle with her, she said, "they did possess some incredible powers and energy beyond anything that we possess here."

She saw some of the surrounding area where she was kept for a time, it appeared to be plexiglass with a being peering through it.

"The amazing part of the trip was through the time tunnel and experiencing the many things affecting human kinds development over the ages."

The experience led to her interest in star gazing and in particular metaphysics.

"To stand up and offer the solutions to earth's problems takes courage, but also conviction that one has the answers," she told Kiwanians. "We have the solutions," she claims. "I propose a definite methodology for building heaven and earth for all humankind," she explained. There has been a conspiracy of sightings for many centuries, she said.

The author believes that these terrestrial beings have more than enough technology to clean up planet Earth.



**AUTHOR ENCOUNTER**—A world travelled author and metaphysician, Winifred Barton, of Frankford, described her extra-terrestrial experiences and shared photographs with Trenton Kiwanis Club members last Thursday night at the country club.—Ron Gibson photo

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## Blue lights in sky may be reflections

About four county residents and two pilots called authorities Tuesday evening to report streaking blue lights in the sky.

A Palm Beach County sheriff's dispatcher said three or four people called, including one person who said something blue crashed near Glades Road and U.S. 441.

Air Traffic Controller Wes Baker said a TWA pilot spotted a green comet-like light with a red tip and a blue tail. A civilian pilot said he saw lights bouncing up and down around him, Baker said.

"I'll tell you what we think it is is reflective lights from the (South Florida) fair," Baker said. "Evidently, there's some lasers over there on some rides and stuff and they're reflecting off low clouds."

## UFO UP-DATE

# Something Is Out There

BY GAYLE RADCLIFF

The right place...Shoreline Park. The right time...almost every night. The right happening...A Major UFO Sighting! Sound exciting? It was!

Two months ago this reporter (now UFO witness) took an interest in the reported UFO sightings that persist in the Pensacola Beach/Gulf Breeze area. I met with the local Mutual UFO Network research team and during that time I witnessed the

red "UFO" that many area residents have reported. Typically the red "UFO" would appear in the sky, hovered motionless, and often travel into the wind before disappearing. I was told of some spectacular close up sightings of light rings that were referred to as possibly being the UFO's "portholes." But what I saw was far too distant to identify any structure...until Wednesday night. Wow!

Despite the chilling cold, the determined Gulf Breeze Research Team (Anne & Bruce Morrison, Patti Weatherford, Marsha Athey, Bland Pugh, Scott Maas, Russ Linger, and more) gathered at Shoreline Park hoping, as every night, something unique would appear. It Did!

It first appeared to be a small stationary white light much like a star but it suddenly turned from a small white light to a small red light and

then increased to a much larger size. I could see three or four intense red lights glowing within this ball of brilliant "energy." Stationary for a minute or so, the UFO then started moving quickly to the west. I could see an orange/red trail as it traveled, similar to the trail a rocket leaves as it thrusts away from Earth. It then stopped again and hovered with the lights shining brightly. After a couple of minutes it reduced in size and, in a startling fashion, the red turned into a large brilliant white light and faded quickly away.

As I said earlier, I have been witness to the "red light UFO," but this was different. It was much closer and there was a moment when it

moved to the west that the structured outline of a disk-shaped craft was visible; that moment will be with me forever.

Before I saw this for myself I neither believed nor disbelieved in UFO's but this event happened before my eyes. Something is out there. It is real, it is exciting and it's happening now!

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# 'Freaky' sight in the sky

## Are space aliens paying a visit?

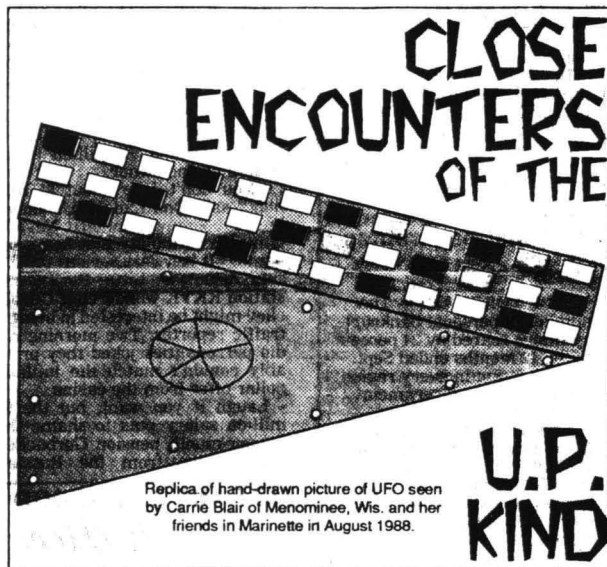
By WENDY HARRIS  
Journal Staff Writer

Carrie Blair says she was only drinking soda when she and two others witnessed what she calls "the freakiest thing" she's ever seen.

It was a warm, clear August evening in 1988. Blair and her friends were sitting on the beach in Marinette, Wis., star gazing. They noticed unusual lights on the horizon sweeping slowly back and forth along the south Green Bay shoreline, off the Door County coast. The light occasionally hovered, and a smaller but distinctly separate light dipped below it for a time, then returned to the folds of the larger light.

Suddenly it moved, in a flash of time, across the 20 miles separating the shores of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula.

"It made no sound and no



Replica of hand-drawn picture of UFO seen by Carrie Blair of Menominee, Wis. and her friends in Marinette in August 1988.

### More inside:

• For more on alien visits to the Upper Peninsula, see today's Superiorland Magazine.

breeze. It was right over our heads," Blair said. "It was very large, V-shaped, larger than a football field. We could make out a deck of lights. It was so close we

didn't need binoculars.

"It was moving slowly, like it was exploring the shoreline. Then voom, it took off."

Before that incident, Blair, 30, an interior decorator from Menominee, had no prior interest in unidentified flying objects. She does now.

Blair is one of several Upper Peninsula residents who claim to have seen UFOs. Their tales of

# 'Beamed up'

## Six in U.P. claim alien abduction

By WENDY HARRIS  
Journal Staff Writer

According to the Mutual UFO Network, six Upper Peninsula residents believe they have been abducted by UFOs. Are they crazy?

While most people would discredit the sanity of a person making such a claim, MUFON takes the subject of alien abductions with grave seriousness.

The Michigan directors of MUFON, which has chapters in every state, say the organization has investigated about 125 abduction cases in Michigan since 1983, including six from the U.P.

Information about individual cases is confidential, said Shirley Coyne, 52, a retired real estate saleswoman from Flushing.

"These people don't want to rush out and tell the world about their experiences," Coyne said. "These people have suffered such a great trauma and are very frightened and don't want to talk to people who don't understand. It is our job to protect them."

Coyne and her 74-year-old husband, George, a former General Motors supervisor, head MUFON in Michigan. They claim first-hand knowledge of alien abductions.

In 1983, they said, they were awakened by a bright light shining through their bedroom window and saw a disk-shaped object fly across a nearby cornfield.

"We jumped out of bed and ran outdoors across the patio, driveway, and onto the wet grass in our bare feet," she said.

The next conscious memory for both Coynes was waking up in bed. It was the first of several sightings and the first of two abductions.

The sightings prompted their interest in MUFON, and in 1985, Shirley Coyne underwent hypnotic regression by hypnotherapist

Virginia Tilly of Grand Rapids. "She wanted me to relive the experience of seeing the crafts, and I went through it step by step," Coyne said.

"I brought out the fact the craft had been hovering over the barn and a light came down," she said. "We were beamed up, or elevated, aboard the craft and put through a physical examination."

The Coynes claim they were abducted a second time, in 1990, by alien beings they describe as 4-foot "grays."

"Typically, aliens are described as being 3½ to 4 feet tall, with a rather frail body," said Tilly. "They have a brownish cast with a very large head, pointy chin, a slit for a mouth, a small nose, and large eyes with no pupil. They have long, slender fingers, although the count of fingers is not always the same."

Tilly, a MUFON investigator, said most abductees aren't aware of what happened but experience a "free floating anxiety." It often manifests itself as sleep disturbances, nightmares, dreams with UFO-related themes, and sometimes an intense fear of a particular place.

Abductees may experience repeated UFO sightings, episodes of missing time, or the feeling of being awakened by a "presence" at night but feeling physically paralyzed.

"Most people's experiences are really suppressed and they will not remember what has happened to them," said Tilly, who taught school for 25 years and is certified by the Infinity Institute of Detroit. "But once you open the door, the memories keep coming."

Dr. Kenneth Morin, a practicing psychologist in Hancock, is one of a handful of doctors in the Upper Peninsula who uses hypnosis. He's skeptical of its use by MUFON.

"My opinion is that (stories of abduction) are made up," he

said. "I'm very skeptical that UFOs exist in the first place."

People who claim close encounters may be experiencing a sort of group psychosis, he said.

"There can be a lot of subjective agreement between people who may start off with one faulty premise and then talk to one another and begin to influence each other," he said. "They can build a framework for an idea and fervently believe in it."

Under extreme stress, people may experience feelings of detachment from their bodies, or depersonalization, he said. This could account for episodes of lost time. It could also be a symptom of psychosis — schizophrenia, psychotic depression or borderline personality.

"A person could have a temporary traumatic stressful experience and can feel quite detached, and not be oriented in time, place or person," he said.

Morin also said MUFON may just provide comfort to people by letting them know they're not alone with their experiences.

"It may be a way of diluting things they don't want to believe and explaining them through supernatural or extrasensory ways that have no bearing in reality," he said. "The value is not so much that they were abducted, but they feel kinship and are part of a unique, special group."

Tilly, however, said she can tell the difference between someone who's distraught over an alien encounter and someone who wants to be unique.

"The one thing abductees stress is that they do not feel special, it is not something they want," she said. "There are people who want to be special and different, and they just regurgitate what they have read."

Morin said he suspects people who say they are abducted are not truly hypnotized.

up-close sightings — unlike mysterious distant lights that can be explained away by natural phenomena, satellites or weather balloons — have an intriguing consistency.

When they talk of their experiences to others, more often than not they're met with skepticism. Because they're subject to severe ridicule, many choose not to tell others.

Sure of what she saw, however, Blair called three area airports, a weather service station, and Sawyer Air Force Base in Marinette County. Nothing had been picked up on radar and no military operations were being conducted in the area, she was told.

"I know what I saw was no airplane. It was a UFO," she said. "I didn't tell people because they would ask if I was on hallucinogenic drugs."

Others who have seen UFOs in and around the U.P. include:

• **AL AND SUSAN OCHS** of Marinette, who didn't mention their UFO sighting to anyone for 15 years.

"We didn't want anyone to think we were off our button," Al Ochs said.

Ochs, 60, an area supervisor for Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College, and his wife, Susan, 55, were returning from Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. in July 1966.

"We were on Highway 29 between Medford and Wausau and we saw this flying saucer kind of thing," he said. "It had colored lights all around it, amber and gold circling around it."

The UFO flew parallel to their car for roughly three minutes, he said. It was in clear view despite the darkness.

"The radio started sputtering badly and even the car was acting funny," he said. "My feeling was this was some sort of surveillance equipment by the United States Air Force. But from an engineering and technical standpoint, it was something we hadn't seen before."

At the time, Ochs didn't speculate on the possibility of an alien intelligence. He just knew the disk-shaped aircraft he and his wife saw was real.

"That is the truth, so help us God," he said.

• **FORMER HARVEY RESIDENT** Beverly Richer, 40, was lying awake in bed one August night in 1980 when brilliant lights began shining through the loft windows of her chalet on Willow Road.

Stunned, she climbed out of bed and went to the window. For five minutes, she said, she viewed a spectacular display of colored lights from a craft that suspended itself in her yard.

"It was about 300 feet away," said Richer, who now owns a housecleaning business in Marinette. "It was the size of a relatively small house, the width of a large plane. The lights were two-tiered and circular in motion. It just seemed to move forward and backward effortlessly. Then it was gone."

While she remembers cars passing down Willow Road that night, she never heard similar stories from others.

"I know other people saw it," she said. "It was so fantastic, but not a word."

Richer said she told people of her sighting the following evening at a class reunion.

"There were a couple people that were really receptive to it," she said, "while others just laughed it off and thought it was silly."



SUSAN OCHS  
Saw colored lights

• **DANFORTH RESIDENT** Carolyn Young, now 61, recalls driving into Escanaba with her late husband, Edwin, and her daughter and grandchildren in 1975 when they saw a brightly lit, disk-shaped craft.

"We knew it wasn't an airplane," said Young, a retired restaurant owner. "It seemed to be following us. We would turn, it would turn."

Her husband reported the sighting to the police, but the incident remained unexplained.

"They really didn't believe him and neither did anybody else," she said.

• **GLADSTONE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS** Dave Marini and Mark Hager received a call from a woman alleging to have seen a UFO. She complained that her household appliances, along with her dog, were acting strangely. They thought it was a joke.

"We thought, 'Yeah, right,' and went with the attitude (of) not believing it," said Marini, 38, recalling the March 4, 1981 incident. "When we got to where the address of the house was, we saw in the sky an intense glowing of white, red, green and blue lights."

At the sight of the round circle of lights, Marini and Hager, 34, stopped their patrol car and got out for a better look.

"There was no wind, and this craft went right over the top of us, and we couldn't hear any sound from it whatsoever."

The UFO moved slowly past them and up a bluff where they followed it in their car.

"Once it got to the tree line — zoom — it was gone. Then we watched it for another hour and a half off in the distance," he said.

During the sighting, Marini was in radio contact with the Delta County Sheriff's Department and Sawyer Air Force Base.

"It took K.I. Sawyer 55 minutes to respond to tell us they had their radar shut off, and didn't have anything," he said. "It was an absolute denial on their part. They didn't cooperate at all."

When a New York City-based organization investigated the claim, it found witnesses stretching from northern Michigan to Minnesota had reported similar sightings that night, Marini said.

The Gladstone sightings attracted national attention — from the National Enquirer, "The Phil Donahue Show," "That's Incredible," all three commercial television networks and numerous radio stations and newspapers. Following the ordeal, Marini said he was completely burned out on the issue.

"We weren't lying," he said. "We never started out saying what it was. We wanted someone to explain to us what it was, and to this day nobody ever has."

"All I know is that it was an unidentified flying object," he said. "Whether or not it is from someplace else, I don't know."

• **ON MARCH 6, 1967**, Duncan and Esther Hollingsworth of Detour were traveling on Interstate 75 near Kincheloe Air Force Base south of Sault Ste. Marie. They saw an object with white, green and red flashing lights hovering above the tree line.

"We watched it for about five minutes and it followed us down the road a ways," said Duncan Hollingsworth, now 60 and a substitute teacher who owns a property management business.

"The next day I talked to a commander at the Air Force base who was a friend of mine," Hollingsworth said, "but the way he spoke, he didn't want to make a report."



AL OCHS  
Thought it was Air Force

# Pilot Spots Strange Craft

## Red UFO Comes Back Again

By Glen Bradley

Saturday, January 25, 1992. As a professional in the field of psychology, the continuing reports of UFO sightings from residents in the Pensacola Beach and Gulf Breeze area piqued my curiosity. Could these people be seeing real UFO's.

On this night I joined a group of people at South Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze who gather nightly for the purpose of hopefully witnessing the UFO. These people were very normal; no guru or cultism, just friendly curious people like myself looking for an answer to the local UFO mystery.

Suddenly somebody said, "Is that an airplane?"

I am an active private pilot, having flown airplanes since the age of fifteen. I looked to the east and saw something that as not like any airplane I had ever seen. It was a very

large red light of great intensity moving slowly to the south (into the wind). It appeared to be about eight miles away; it was a very clear night.

As this glowing red unidentified flying object moved to the south, another identical red light appeared below and to its left. This second brilliant red light faded in and out occasionally while the first light disappeared behind the trees that were almost in front of me. About a minute had gone by - it was 7:55 - when I was handed a pair of binoculars so that I could see the object in more detail. Through the binoculars the light's intensity was really impressive and had a very consistent reddish orange glow - much like that of a ruby laser. It was not at all like any light I have seen in over twenty years of flying 4000+ hours. I was impressed!

Several Mutual UFO Network investigators were busy photograph-

ing and recording the sighting. Investigator Marsha Athey used a car phone to call another team of investigators who were stationed near Fort Pickens. Chief Investigator, Gary Watson acknowledged that he could also see the red glowing object and was able to triangulate the location of the object, (later calculated to be 6 1/4 miles east of our location). Dozens of photographs were taken, including some with two 1000mm lens cameras and a video camera. I look forward to the detail the photos will

provide which often show the light is really a reddish orange ring of great intensity.

If you would like to visit a "sky watch" as I did, feel free to do so. The group meets every night at about seven at the south end of the Bay Bridge or at South Shoreline Park. See you there!!

SUN TIMES, North Port, FL  
Nov. 27, 1991

## 'UFO' sighted?

By BETH SUMNER  
Staff Writer

When David Kersky's eyes were still trained on the eastern sky Sunday night after the space shuttle went up, he saw a second phenomenon - a cylindrical flying object that came right over his Mayberry Avenue residence, an object he unhesitatingly calls a UFO. Neighbors corroborate his story.

"It came out of the northeast, and I noticed it because of the light. It came right over North Port," said Kersky, a World War II fighter pilot who moved here from Chicago eight years ago with his wife, Carmen. When the sighting occurred, she was inside watching the shuttle lift off on television.

Kersky's neighbor, Rita Maul, said she saw the same thing. "We saw this UFO or whatever you want to call it. A saucer," she said. "It was kind of dull. It wasn't bright like when the shuttle went up."

According to the two accounts, the object was not well lit; nor was it accompanied by sound. It traveled faster than a jet would travel, said Kersky, maybe 700 to 800 miles per hour.

The object in question came from the direction of the Jockey Club and moved southwest, said Kersky. "It went right over city hall, right down North Port Boulevard," he said.

"When I first noticed it, there was a light," said Kersky. However, he added, as the object approached, the light became obscured, almost as if it were on top of the object.

"The reason I could see it was because of the lights from Winn Dixie," he said. Even with the lights from the ground, though, Kersky said he was unable to make out a definite form except to note that it had no appendages.

Others might have been frightened by such a sight, but not Kersky. He's used to spotting unidentified flying objects and to hearing skeptics refute him. "I've gone through this before. I've witnessed other UFO sightings in the past," he said. If you look, you do see them."

During WW II Kersky was in a bomber squadron, and he remembers seeing green fireballs flying off the wings of the plane. He thought that perhaps it was some Japanese reconnaissance weapon. "The Japanese thought the same thing because they were flying off their wingtips, too," he said.

Kersky does not discount the possibility that the war is responsible for his seeing more than the average citizen sees. However, he attributes this ability to extensive training in aircraft identification and practice in determining "what was the enemy and what was your own."

On another occasion in the 60s, Kersky saw a "squadron of lights" that he knew were no airplanes. "I told my dad about it, and he said 'What have you been drinking?'"

According to Kersky, he was "stone sober" Sunday night when he spotted something strange move silently and swiftly over North Port.

A spokesperson for the North Port Police Department said Monday that no one reported seeing anything unusual. But then Kersky and his neighbors didn't call in either.

NEWS, Birmingham, AL - Jan. 6, 1992

## Memories of UFOs still linger in Fyffe

By Frank Sikora  
News staff writer

FYFFE — On these chilly winter mornings, men gather for coffee at Ray Peek's restaurant, talking about the weather and the outlook for the crops on Sand Mountain.

But every once in a while someone will mention UFOs.

And for just a little while the weather and the planting are forgotten.

This DeKalb County town of 1,300 people made national news three

years ago, when several residents of the area reported seeing strange objects in the sky.

It began the night of Feb. 10, 1989. Police radios bristled with sighting reports — craft with white, red or green lights, sometimes hovering, sometimes moving silently at incredible speeds.

On one night about 4,000 visitors flocked to Fyffe hoping for a glimpse of some alien craft. Bonfires were lighted as a signal of friendship to anything out there.

But nothing was seen again. "We still get a few visitors coming through who want to come by and talk about our experience," said Assistant Police Chief Fred Works, one of those who had a mystifying encounter.

He and Police Chief Junior Garmany observed a silent, low-flying object with three lights on it. That report brought the news teams to town.

Works says he thinks the craft was of this Earth, probably sent aloft by the U.S. military.

"I'm open-minded as to other life forms out there in the universe," he said. "But I want to see more than I have seen, even though that was a strange craft. It was more oblong, or triangle-shaped, with the corners rounded off. It didn't make any noise. That was what amazed me. It was huge, but didn't make a sound."

There were other stories from that period:

■ Becky Kilpatrick, 24, and her husband, Farris, who live in the rural community of Rodentown, about 18 miles south of Fyffe, saw something.

"It was about 9:30 or so at night and we were watching television," she said. "Our neighbors first saw it and they called us and said, 'Go look out that window.' We saw this object. It was low over the field. It had red and green lights, and they went around fast. The lights seemed to chase each other. There was no noise, just the dogs carrying on. They weren't barking. They were howling. They knew something was different."

By the time they got outside, she said, the object was well into the sky and began moving rapidly.

The Kilpatricks and their neighbors hopped into a pickup truck and tried to follow the UFO, she said, but it soon moved across the sky and vanished over the horizon.

"We still wonder about it," she said.

■ Agnes Kilgore, who lived about a mile from the Kilpatricks, said a light in the sky was so bright it lighted up the inside of her home.

■ A man near Lick Skillet, to the northeast of Fyffe, reportedly fired a shotgun at a UFO.

Peeks said sometimes visitors from out of state come by for lunch or a piece of pie, and the topic turns to UFOs.

"We still hear some stories," he said.

One of them involves a couple from Buck's Pocket who saw a lighted object moving toward their home. The man bolted from the house and ran to a meadow, sprawling flat on the ground.

He later said — somewhat sheepishly — that he thought the thing was going to plow into their home.

"He never said anything about it," said Peek, chuckling. "But his wife told on him."

Another is about a man from Florida who was riled because he drove nearly 500 miles and didn't see a UFO.

"You from here in Fyffe?" he asked a man.

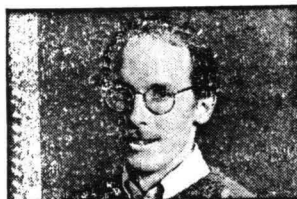
"About a mile down the road," the local replied.

"Well, I think people in Fyffe are crazy," said the Floridian.

"Well, we may be," said the local. "But we didn't drive all the way up here from Florida looking for flying saucers."

NEWS-LEADER, Springfield, MO - Feb. 12, 1992

CHRIS BENTLEY



## Ozarkers alienated by UFOs

Last week, like hundreds of other people, Paula and Ron Watson drove to the small town of Northview to look at lights in the sky that some people say are UFOs.

They saw what many people there have seen: "I saw a light like a gold ball in the sky, not blinking. It went up and down and then over in the trees," Paula Watson says.

But unlike most of the people there, the Watsons, both 35, are old hands at UFO-watching.

And Paula Watson has an explanation for the lights: "They're trying to make themselves seen."

In fact, both Watsons say they've talked to aliens and been in UFOs. They can't recall all the details of their encounters. They say the aliens caused their memory lapses.

But they say the aliens' ships are usually cone- and diamond-shaped, and much bigger inside than they appear from outside. The ships are very brightly lit and smooth inside, with several different levels. Most rooms have no furniture, but items that pull out from the walls.

The Watsons' UFO experiences started in 1983 when they watched a pair of thin, lizardlike aliens cause a cow to float into a green ship.

Since then, they've seen several more ships. Friends have told them they saw UFOs over the Watsons' home, scanning it with lights when the Watsons are not there.

Now, Paula Watson says, aliens take her to their ships at least once a month. They are teaching her to read their language, she says.

Ron Watson says aliens once floated him out of his camper, took him to their ship and talked with him for more than three hours.

The Watsons, who live in Mount Vernon, aren't kidding about this.

They point out that details of their stories match up with many other people's experiences with UFOs. And they have spoken at UFO-watchers conventions in Tucson, Dallas and Las Vegas. This year they hope to go to Dusseldorf, Germany for a convention.

Their UFO stories are so convincing that convention organizers pay their expenses to attend.

Wallace C. Stevens, director of The World UFO Convention in Tucson last year, brought them to his event. He is a retired Air Force investigator who checked UFO sightings.

"I learned a long time ago truth is truly stranger than fiction," Stevens says.

So many people have been going to Northview to look for UFOs that Missouri Highway Patrol Sgt. J.D. Lasater is concerned.

"It is getting to be a problem," Lasater says. "They're like a bunch of chickens — they can get out of hand if you don't watch them."

On clear nights, as many as 50 cars at a time park along the Northview exit of Interstate 44. Lasater has to make the UFO-watchers move to keep the highway clear.

The Watsons have advice for people who have an encounter with a UFO: Don't be scared, and trust in God. Most aliens are kind, and the few who seem unkind don't mess with religious people, they say.

Most of all, they say, be ready for ridicule — from people, not aliens. "People tend to get pretty mean," Ron Watson says.

The experience itself is hard enough to deal with, Paula Watson says.

"It's really hard to get over it and go on with your life," she says.

□ Chris Bentley is a News-Leader reporter.

CR: R. Watson



# UFOs, Bigfoot reported in 27 counties

in 1991

By The Standard Observer

Some may believe Hollywood movie sets and check-out-line magazines to be the main bastions of UFO's and Bigfoot-like creatures, but that's not necessarily so, say some local observers.

According to one Greensburg-based scientific research group, people in 27 Pennsylvania counties and several surrounding states reported sightings of strange crafts and creatures, as well as other odd events, in 1991 alone.

The Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU) investigated a variety of strange objects and occurrences in 1991, including unidentified flying objects, strange footprints, unusual sounds, a fall of ice from the sky, a tremor which appears not to be earthquake related and sightings of Bigfoot, black panthers and the Eastern Cougar, an animal that is supposedly extinct.

Founded in 1981 by electronics technician Stan Gordon of Greensburg, PASU is an all volunteer, non-profit scientific research unit that specializes in investigating UFO's and strange animal sightings. Established as a statewide clearinghouse for reports of UFO sightings and other phenomena, it is widely recognized by law enforcement and news agencies.

PASU is not open to general membership. Only those with experience in the fields of science, engineering, technology or medicine may act as field investigators for the group, which has members throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

Representatives from PASU work closely with MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, the largest international UFO research organization in the world, based in Seguin, Texas.

PASU's standard operating procedure is to send

an investigator to the scene of an unusual incident as soon as it is reported. If a case warrants further study, investigators interview witnesses, document all information relative to the event for further study and obtain physical evidence for laboratory studies.

In Pennsylvania this year, a number of cases attracted the special attention of the PASU investigators.

One of those occurred close to home, right on the border of Westmoreland and Indiana counties.

According to PASU, a group of young men were spotlighting for deer in a heavily wooded area on August 9 when their light allegedly shone on a tall, upright standing creature covered with hair and having red eyes. The creature was reportedly reaching over its head, eating berries from a patch. The creature was observed for about five minutes, during which time it continued eating while constantly keeping its eyes on its observers.

A strange smell like sulfur was apparent during the sighting, according to the young men.

The next day the young men reportedly returned to the site to look for tracks. They estimated that the creature would have to have been about nine feet tall to be seen from their observation position.

Other incidents that were investigated include the alleged sighting by a hunter in Armstrong County on October 28 of a black panther; a Feb. 4 incident in Monroe County in which witnesses reportedly observed several huge rectangular objects moving silently and at a slow speed just 200 feet off the ground; and the case of a police officer, familiar with aircraft, who said he observed a huge triangular shaped object with three lights move slowly toward him through the sky only to race away and pass over a second officer five miles away in just two minutes.

CR: S. Gordon

## Local UFO sighting reported

By STARLA POINTER  
News-Register News Editor

The Star of Bethlehem? An airplane? A reflection?

"What is that?" Susan Wold asked herself Friday morning after glancing out a south-facing window. The McMinnville resident put on her glasses and looked again.

There it was, whatever it was. Almost a rectangle. Filled with many brilliant lights. "Way, way up." Far, far away. Stationary, with a light slanting from one corner toward the ground.

Wold said she looked at the object several times between 7:15 a.m., when the surrounding sky was somewhat dark, and 8 a.m., full daylight. Then it was gone, leaving her with the firm belief she had seen an unidentified flying object.

"I wasn't dreaming," she said. "I don't know if I believe in flying saucers, but I know I saw a UFO."

Her second: "I saw one once before when I was driving, but I didn't look at it closely."

Wold told a friend and called the News-Register on Friday, but she hadn't reported her sighting to the National UFO Reporting Station, (206) 722-3000.

In fact, the reporting station hasn't heard from the McMinnville area in years, according to Robert Gribble, director. He has calls from the Portland area and from the Oregon Coast fairly regularly.

The station, the official collection

### 1950 sighting earned national attention...

Friday was not the first time a UFO was sighted in the McMinnville area.

On the evening of May 11, 1950, Paul Trent photographed a saucer-shaped object near his home 11 miles southwest of McMinnville. The photos were printed in the News-Register June 8, causing that edition of the paper to be requested by thousands of people all over the country.

Evelyn Trent described the UFO as "very bright, almost silvery, and there was no noise or smoke." Both Trents said the object was moving "awfully fast."

agency for UFO data from North America, has been getting about six calls a day lately. "That's very quiet," Gribble said.

Reported sightings range from lights in the sky to vehicles at close range, he said. The bright rectangle Wold described is typical.

The time of day of her sighting, however, is unusual. Gribble said most UFOs are seen in full darkness.

So what was it?

Possibly a helicopter, according to Sgt. Mitchell, public affairs officer at McCord Air Force Base near Seattle. That's the only kind of aircraft that could have appeared to be stationary for 45 minutes.

Mitchell could guess, but he could not claim responsibility for Wold's UFO. McMinnville is not within the flight pattern for aircraft from McCord.

Maybe a satellite, according to a public affairs officer at Vandenberg AFB near Santa Barbara, Calif. Definitely not a new launch from Vandenberg, though. "We haven't launched anything for about three weeks," he said, and when they do the craft heads south on its way to polar orbit.

Probably a balloon, according to a representative of the McMinnville Police Department, which has had no reports of sightings.

Teen-agers sometimes attach lights to balloons and send them skyward as a science project or as a joke. "Teen-agers have been known to play pranks, you know," she said. "A lot of it's just kids."

She discounted the possibility that the UFO came from outer space. "This isn't the right year," she said.

"How about the Goodyear Blimp?" wondered Galen McBee, Parks and Recreation director, who oversees the McMinnville Airport. Except the blimp is not in the area ....

So it really was a UFO, because it remains unidentified. "I would have loved to have seen it," McBee said.

## UFO study was poorly edited

"UFOs and the Alien Presence — Six Viewpoints" edited by Michael Lindemann The 2020 Group; \$12.95

Reviewed by David Proctor  
The Idaho Statesman

Buried in this book somewhere is the kernel of a good idea.

Michael Lindemann, president of a Santa Barbara-based futures organization called the 2020 Group, has assembled interviews with six people, all with a stake in the UFO debate. Each person has a specialty or a point of view, but not all are worth the space devoted to them. Worse, the interviews are so poorly edited even the most credible people sound disjointed, and others are virtually incoherent.

The book reads as if Lindemann turned on the tape recorder, chatted casually with several friends and printed the transcript in a Q&A format. Little attempt was made to organize and edit the

interviews, explain arcane UFO terminology or force the experts to support some of the outrageous claims they make.

Four of those featured are high-profile UFO investigators:

■ Boise native and Emmy-winning documentary film maker Linda Moulton Howe addresses animal mutilations.

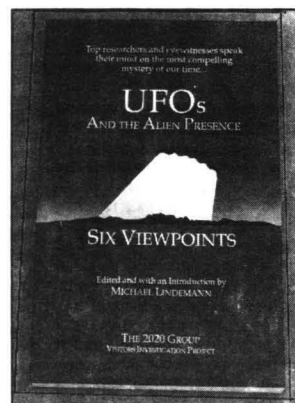
■ Nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman discusses the alleged 1947 UFO crash in Roswell, N.M. and the MJ-12 letter which, if authentic, reveals a secret government agency responsible for studying UFOs.

■ Budd Hopkins explains his theories on UFO abductions and evidence that alien-human hybrids are being created on earth.

■ Lt. Col. Donald Ware (USAF-Ret.) looks at both the famous Gulf Breeze, Fla., UFO sightings and his belief that UFOs and the world's great religions are avenues through which humans can evolve toward a higher plane of existence.

The other two interviews are with Bob Lazar, who says he worked on a secret government project that studied UFO propulsion systems, and "Tom," who claims to have had repeated UFO contacts throughout his life.

The interviews with Howe,



Friedman and Hopkins work far better than the other three. This may be because Howe works in the media and Friedman and Hopkins are experienced at dealing with interviews. Their chapters read like they edited themselves.

But it was Lindemann's responsibility, not those being interviewed to ensure that the resulting book was coherent and credible. He dropped the ball.

There are interesting subjects broached here, but they're surrounded by confusion.

SENTINEL, Gulf Breeze, FL - Nov. 21, 1991

## Voice of the People

On Sunday, Sep. 15 at 2 p.m., a very large UFO and a smaller unit were seen in the area of Santa Rosa Shores and Highway 98. Both were metallic in color. The larger appeared to have appendages which circled the object and described by the observer as "tree branches." It also had what appeared to be layers, or structures, placed one upon the other as plates.

The smaller object was shaped like a bow-tie. It was estimated to be 45 feet wide and 60 feet long. The smaller appeared to be about 1/10th in size when compared with the larger. Both objects rotated clockwise in a circular fashion; but diametrically opposed in position. The smaller rotated on the opposite side of the circle.

Additionally, they moved vertically, up and down, with the closest distance to the ground estimated at 500 feet. Finally, the larger object shot off and disappeared. The smaller, went in an easterly direction, fairly slowly, until it disappeared beyond the tree line over East Bay.

The observers said that four occupants of a car took off toward the bay in an effort to see where the "bow-tie" had gone. It was estimated that between 30 to 40 people witnessed the sighting.

If you are one of the witnesses to this sighting, please call Joe Barron at 932-5394 so that the report can be enhanced. The four occupants who chased the UFO are particularly requested to contact Joe. Of all the witnesses who were there, it is hoped that pictures were taken. If so, you are encouraged to contact Joe.

Joe Barron

CR: R. Reid

# Another bright light bewilders city skywatchers

By CHARLES WOHLFORTH

Daily News reporter

A bright light with a tail of fire passed over Anchorage early Sunday morning, leaving people who saw it in awe.

Residents called the Federal Aviation Administration, Anchorage Fire Department, Anchorage International Airport Police, and Soldotna Alaska State Troopers to report the slow-moving ball of light at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday. Reports came from as far away as eight miles south of Girdwood.

Authorities were unable to explain what the object was or where

it went, but an FAA official said he assumed it was a meteor.

A similar incident occurred Nov. 24, and an astronomer said then the object was probably a meteor called a bolide — a bright light in the sky caused by a rock from outer space burning and breaking up in the Earth's atmosphere. Shooting stars have the same cause.

But the celestial event Sunday was somewhat different from November's. Then the light streaked quickly across the sky and seemed headed toward Earth. This time, witnesses said, the light crossed

over Anchorage at a sedate speed in a straight line, showing no indication of falling.

One caller to the Daily News said an object hit the ground, causing a crater, but that could not be confirmed.

Hayward Cochran said the object he saw didn't curve downward. He said it started in the northwest and traveled south over the west side of Anchorage. He was in the Sand Lake area when he saw it.

"I pulled into my driveway, and there were two people watching it already," Cochran said. "It was

traveling pretty slow. It was up there in the sky for two or three minutes. And it was burning, white and red and green and yellow."

Cochran said the object lingered in the sky long enough for him to stand around and talk about it with the others.

"There were pieces coming off the sides of it, and burning, or kind of sparkling," he said. "It looked like fireworks. That's what I thought it was at first, but it was going, real straight and going real slow."

Christine Mowka saw the light

Special to The Times

LONE PINE, Calif.—Skywatchers from Los Angeles to Inyo County reported a brightly colored fireball shower Saturday night, and authorities here said a San Diego man driving on California 395 claimed that something shattered a window of his car just after he saw the lights streak across the sky.

The reports came amid other sightings in Inyo and Mono counties of what may have been a meteor swarm. A guide at Griffith Observatory said they received three calls from Southland residents reporting the lights.

Inyo County Sheriff's Deputy Randy Geiger said that other motorists driving behind Gregory

Hood, 26, of San Diego said they saw a bright flash around his car.

Geiger said that after inspecting Hood's car he could find no explanation for the breakage. He ruled out firearms. He added that there were no burns, scratches or other marks on the car, and said no object or projectile was found in the vehicle.

Hood was driving north about 10 p.m. Saturday when he and passenger Tracy Brock saw the cascade of lights, Geiger said. A few minutes later, he heard a loud explosion that shattered his right rear window.

Kirk Palmer, a telescope operator at Griffith Observatory, said descriptions made the fireballs sound like a "sporadic event." The

most recent regularly plotted meteor shower, the Quadrantid, peaked earlier this month, he said. But in the Lone Pine area several years ago, he said, another motorist reported seeing a meteorite strike the ground, although a search could not find it.

"It's not rare to see them," Palmer said, "but it's very rare to hear of something being struck."

One of those who also reported seeing the colored lights was Geiger's wife, Kim, who was driving on the same highway south of Lone Pine at about the same time.

"It started off like a falling star," she said. "It was bright orange, then it was red, then just before it burned out, it turned blue. It looked like it landed on the freeway."

DAILY NEWS, Anchorage, AK - Jan. 20, 1992 CR: J. & L. Nicholson

NEWS-EXAMINER, Connersville, IN Jan. 16, 1992 CR: D. Worley

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### COWS, CATS AND UFO'S

Since the mid 1960's government has been sitting on a secret that has huge implications for the human race.

Mysterious night surgeons have been removing specific parts and blood from cattle, and sometimes other animals. Usually an eye, ear, tongue, sexual organs system, rectal area and blood are removed and vanish. The precision laser-like cuts are done with 300-plus degree heat. Earth science does not have this ability. A cow may have 40 gallons of blood and some have had all blood removed down to the capillary level. This is another fete beyond our science. On the night of March 5, 1967, a UFO even tried for some human blood when it tried to take a loaded bloodmobile on route 2 near Huntington, W. Va.

There are never any tracks around an animal and they seem to have been dropped from above. Twenty-five years of evidence show satanic cults are not involved. Predators stay away from "Mutes." Mutes is the term we researchers use to describe such cases. I have much information from western sheriffs, ranchers, investigator tapes, and news clippings that all paint a disturbing picture.

Mute phenomena is a relentless global operation. I have written several articles on it, published nationally. The toll in the U.S. easily passes 10,000. Farmers and ranchers have stopped reporting their losses since they have learned nothing can be done. Manuel Gomez of Deluce, N. M., had 12 mutes in the same pasture over the years yet the culprits were uncatchable. Grayson and Shelby Counties in Kentucky have had some, but as you go west the tempo increases with Colorado peaking in 1975.

UFO's are no strangers to farm fields and ranchland where mutes occur. In Colorado, Sheriff Graves and his deputies, beset with many mutes, began to call the everpresent UFO's "Big Mamma and her babies." The babies would leave and enter the huge UFO. In 1980 a Waco, Tex., rancher rounded some mesquite trees and came face-to-face with two 4 foot creatures with grey-green skin, large black slanted eyes, and heads shaped like eggs with the pointed end down. Between them they were carrying a calf. The frightened man fled and it took him three days to tell his family. At the scene was a mutilated calf.

One night in May, 1991, a Washington state ranchhand watched as a 1800-lb. bull went up a blue beam of light headfirst. At the top the beam seemed to flare and the bull was turned end-wise 5 or 6 times. The beam snapped off and then he heard an enormous plop as the animal hit the ground. In daylight the bull was found to be a typical surgical mute victim.

Recently I was listening to a taped lecture of Linda M. Howe, Ph.D., a researcher in the mute phenomena who has received national and international awards for her documentaries and produced programs on WTBS Atlanta and CNN. I was surprised

when in addition to cattle she began to talk about cats. Periodical cycles of mutilated and disappearing cats have been occurring in areas like California, New York, Texas and Canada, cats whose suburban owners love them and only let them out on the lawn briefly. In Plano, a suburb of Dallas, 85 were found mutilated and over 200 vanished. This reminded me of my Billingsville case of some years ago where two big oval craft appeared. Cats seemed to vanish there, too.

Of course, in view of such goings-on we have a monumental question that screams in our brain, "Why is this happening?" One hypothesis has it that the alien intelligence behind UFO's is harvesting our biological components, blood, and DNA because they themselves need it. I would prefer this theory were it not for the fact of widespread human abduction which we have learned mounts into the thousands. Thankfully, homosapiens are usually returned alive with maybe only a scar, an implant, lost time and troubled dreams. On the craft the aliens central aim is often the extraction and manipulation of human eggs and sperm. Could this somehow be associated with the products of mute activity? Are these clandestine primordials developing earth-alien hybrids somewhere? Assuming they may be, this brings us to another terrible question. "Why would they do this?" Could they hope to or have they long since been concealing in our midst undetectable hybrids for eventual control, good or bad?

Another question could be, "Do they know something that we don't know?" Maybe they know, as is stated in a number of well-known prophecies, that our beautiful little blue and green planet is doomed to be wracked by a cataclysmic upheaval (pole shift) whose effects could extinguish life as we know it. So, they are developing their more durable quasi-human hybrids to survive on some other planet in the cosmos.

All the things I have written about here are true, researched facts. The last paragraphs beginning with the questions are, of course, only my thinking on this shocking situation that government feels it must never let you learn about.

DON WORLEY  
1051 Beech Street

POST-DISPATCH, St. Louis, MO - Feb. 10, 1992

## Erratically Moving UFO Reported By Several Near Springfield, Mo.

By Linda Eardley  
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

Something out of this world seems to be going on in the sky near Northview, Mo., and some people are buzzing about possible UFOs.

"I think we've got an unusual situation there," said Webster County Sheriff Bill John. "There's probably a logical explanation. We just don't know what it is yet. I'm personally not too excited about it."

Several residents in the area have seen a mysterious light over the tiny,

unincorporated community about 20 miles east of Springfield, in southwestern Missouri. A national UFO organization is investigating; that group has taken photographs that are being developed.

Roger Todd, a sheriff's dispatcher, saw whatever-it-is about two weeks ago from nearby Marshfield.

"All I could see was a pinkish-colored light," Todd said. "The thing moves somewhat erratically. Unlike an airplane, it seems to go from side to side and up and down a little bit and then disappears all of a sudden."

Todd said county deputies, Marshfield police officers and a couple of Highway Patrol officers had seen the light at one time or another.

"Maybe we're all losing our minds," Todd said.

The sightings have taken place around 9:30 p.m. on random nights. People gather nightly at a favorite vantage point, around the Northview exit on Interstate 44, to scan the sky.

John Carpenter, a member of the Mutual UFO Network, saw the light on Feb. 1.

"The thing that caught my eye was it was not high — it was below the tree line, over a remote pasture," said Carpenter, who works as a psychiatric therapist in Springfield. "It was orange, round, a shimmering, flickering type of light that would change from dull orange to white, drifting slowly left to right, up and down."

He said he had watched it for about 15 minutes, before it drifted out of sight.

Other people have seen a number of lights splitting off in different directions and a large red light illuminating one farm from above, Carpenter said.

The area is in a flight path for the Springfield airport, about 20 miles to the west. Harold Brier, area supervisor at the airport tower, said air controllers had seen nothing unusual and had no explanation for what residents say they have seen.

"None of the airplanes has reported anything strange," he said.

The Mutual UFO Network, of Seguin, Texas, investigates reports of suspected UFO sightings all over the world, said Walter Andrus, international director. "Tens of thousands" have been deemed by the organization to be "real UFOs," he said in a telephone interview.

John, the Webster County sheriff, said three cows and a calf have been mutilated in the last two weeks. Carpenter, of the Mutual UFO Network, says such activity often coincides with reports of UFO sightings.

John said he had not seen the mysterious light. And if he did, he wouldn't admit it — at least for now.

"This is an election year," he explained. "I don't think the sheriff should be reported as seeing a UFO."

## Takes Effort to See UFOs

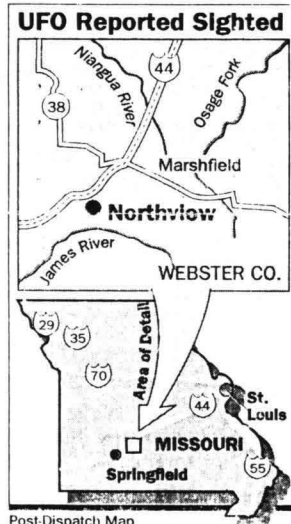
Mr. B. David Silcox's letter in the *Sentinel* of 28 November, 1991 cannot be left unchallenged. He says that no UFOs are sighted during the day. Look back into the 21 November, 1991 *Sentinel* issue, Mr. Silcox and you'll find an article of a daylight sighting.

If you really want to see a UFO, how about joining us at the end of the Pensacola/Gulf Breeze bridge, next to the boat ramp from about 6:30 to 10 p.m. If you do, for five straight nights, I'm sure that you'll see one. However, if that proves too much for you I have some tapes you might like to see. Just like anything else, Sir, it takes a little effort to do anything.

However, to put your cynicism in a newspaper article and lace it with ridicule, particularly when it's obvious that you know nothing about the subject, is beyond understanding.

Since you have an unlisted phone number, I would appreciate if you would call me. I just might be able to penetrate that sarcasm with some facts. As the prophet tells us "A closed mind is a terrible thing to behold."

Joe Barron  
932-5394



CR: R. Nelke





## FOREIGN NEWS

HERALD, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada - Sept. 4, 1991

# Mystery of crop circles widens

□ Two more circles found in southern Alberta fields

By SHERRI GALLANT  
of The Herald

The mystery is spreading as crop circles and other patterns continue to turn up in southern Alberta fields with no apparent cause.

After a large site was discovered near the Animal Disease Research Institute west of the city Saturday, a westside farmer found three circles Sunday with connecting pathways, about two miles south and east of the ADRI site.

Jenny Skinner said a man combining a wheat field she leases from the city found the circles and preserved most of the site, although parts of it were combined over. It consists of two, four-metre circles and a third, two-metre circle between and above — all connected by narrow trails.

"It makes me nervous," Skinner said Tuesday. "I don't think I want to be alone out

here at night any more. We've farmed this land since 1960 and we've never seen anything like this.

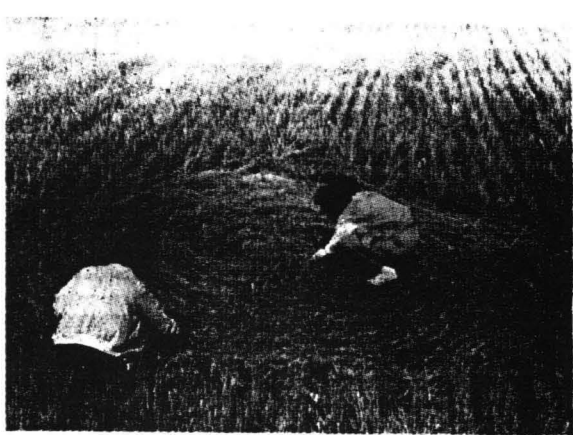
"Sometimes you'll find a spot where a deer has lain down, and you can see the footprints, but that's completely different."

It marks the fourth crop circle site in southern Alberta since the first discovery Aug. 21, in a wheat field outside Lethbridge Television on 28th Street North.

Gordon Kijek, director of Alberta's UFO Study Group in Edmonton, investigated the north Lethbridge site and a subsequent finding a few days later of larger circles near Okotoks, south of Calgary.

He is still unsure whether work commitments will allow him to visit the two latest sites around Lethbridge, but samples of grain and earth taken from the first two sites are being tested by Alberta Agriculture and Canada's UFO Research facility in Winnipeg.

Kijek told The Herald Tuesday he doesn't know when testing will be complete.



HERALD PHOTO BY KEVIN KOOP

SOUTHERN ALBERTA'S latest crop circle is still visible

AUSTRALASIAN POST, Melbourne, Australia

Jan. 2, 1992 CR: P. Norman

## UFO zaps clock

A COLES alarm clock stopped dead, never to go again, after a UFO bathed it in blue light.

"It happened beside Paddy's River, in NSW," recalls POST reader Charles Canden, of Deloraine (T).

"I was driving to Sydney when I decided to camp at the waterside for the night.

"I went to sleep with my battery radio playing, and was woken at about 4am by loud bursts of static.

"Thinking the station had gone off air, I twisted the knob, but there was interference all along the dial.

"I was only then that I noticed a blue light in the sky. At first, it looked like some kind of police helicopter, but as it swiftly got closer, I saw it was like a huge, spinning fishbowl — with a dome on top and no windows.

"As the thing hovered directly above the car, I could feel the hairs on my head and arms standing on end, as if a powerful vacuum cleaner was sucking at them.

"My dog was cowering under a tree. I could see his fur was raised up in spikes.

"What amazed me most about this incident was the deathly quiet that suddenly fell.

"It was as if the whole world had been wrapped in cotton wool.

"After about two minutes, the craft took off — and so did I. I grabbed the dog, packed my things into the car — and drove out of there as fast as I could.

"Next morning, I noticed that my Westclock-brand alarm clock (which I'd bought from Coles) had stopped at 4.04, roughly the time the UFO appeared.

"The clock had always worked well, but from that day on no amount of winding or banging would persuade it to go.

"I wrote to Sydney University, offering the clock for analysis, but had no reply.

"I was disappointed, because I'm sure there must be evidence of some kind of radiation in the clock's mechanism."

• If you still have the alarm clock, please send it to me.

I can arrange for its works to be exhaustively analysed by an open-minded scientist.

## Circle tests show no eerie results

The director of Alberta's UFO Study Group says while the first crop circles found in Lethbridge Aug. 21 passed preliminary "hoax" tests, other experiments conducted at the site failed to produce dramatic results often seen in England.

Gordon Kijek said some sights have produced unusual readings on sensitive electrical equipment and minute traces of radiation have been detected at others.

"We used a compass at the north Lethbridge site — sometimes strange things happen to compass needles — and the results were negative," Kijek said Tuesday from Red Deer.

"We made a tape recording, because at other sites strange sounds have come up on audio tapes, but nothing came up on ours. We also tried walking a dog over the site, as animals are often sensitive to things which humans aren't, but nothing seemed to hap-

pen there, either."

Kijek said Alberta Agriculture labs in Edmonton are still testing grain and soil samples taken from Lethbridge — and from a second site, near Okotoks — to look for plant diseases, metals or any obvious catalyst which might cause grain to lay down.

At the same time, officials in Winnipeg at the UFOlogy Research Centre are testing for other, undisclosed elements. Kijek said he's unsure when tests will be complete.

Kijek's research on British sites show most locations are within an 80-kilometre radius of Stonehenge — an ancient, circular structure of stones located near Salisbury in southern England, which many believe had spiritual significance to its builders.

"The Celts built a lot of their stuff in circles," Kijek said. "And a lot of theories surround the reasons for this."

## I saw UFO too, claims walker

A SITTINGBOURNE teenager says she believes she also saw the UFO reported in the *Fast Kent Gazette* last week.

The 18-year-old, who did not want to give her name, was walking with a friend in fields near Quinton village at about 7.45pm on 6 December.

The girls were on their way to visit friends at Kemsley and were commenting on the clear sky when they saw what they thought was a brilliant star.

But, she said, it moved on and appeared to fly dangerously near a plane. "With the two so close, it was easy to see only one was a plane," she said.

She described the shape of the UFO as rounded — judging by the four bright white lights on it.

She said: "It was not like the sort of pictures of flying saucers you see in the paper. It was like nothing I had seen before."

The girl said she had dismissed the sighting, until she had read the report in our newspaper about the UFO seen by two families at Conyer and Teynham.

One woman reported seeing the object hovering a few dozen feet above Teynham Church.

PRESS & JOURNAL, Aberdeen, Scotland  
Jan. 9, 1992

## Mystery object goes on a spin to NE

□ JOE WATSON

A MYSTERIOUS flaming circle that has been baffling crofters in Shetland has also been seen in Aberdeenshire.

Teenagers Laura (16) and Raymond Robertson (13), The Post Office House, High Street, Turriff, saw a reddish-orange object from their living-room window on Thursday night.

Their father, Raymond, a trainee social worker, said yesterday he was baffled by the object, which appeared to take some time to hover its way down the street.

On Monday, Sandwick crofter Mr Arthur Moar (70), Sand, said he was lying in bed when his room lit up with flashing lights.

He claims to have seen a "big, red, fiery thing" — which contained a world globe — sitting on the grass.

Mr Robertson said he and his wife, Anne, were in another part of the house when the children came through to tell them what they saw.

"It was strange, a great big red thing. It appears to have hovered slowly along the street at about 25ft and then disappeared," he said.

It was only while reading yesterday's *Press and Journal*, Mr Robertson said, that he realised what his children saw might have been from another world.

Police in Turriff said they had no knowledge of the incident.

EAST KENT GAZETTE, Sittingbourne, England - Dec. 11, 1991 CR: T. Good

# OUT OF THIS WORLD

Mother and family say: We saw UFO above the church



Some of the people who saw the UFO on Friday night. Mum, Lynne Rogers with Christopher Rogers (10), Arun Yates (14), Kirsty Yates (seven), and Nathan Yates (eight).

AN unidentified flying object has been spotted in Teynham.

The massive object was first spotted hovering a few dozen feet above Teynham Church at 5.45pm on Friday.

Mrs. Lynne Yates (34) was called to see the UFO after her children spotted it from their Honeyball Walk home.

"At first it looked just like a huge star, but something shot off from it and then lots of different beams of light started flashing.

"It stayed round for about half an hour. It is nothing like I have ever seen before. I was fascinated. It was oval on top, but you could not see the bottom because of all the red, yellow, green and blue lights," Mrs Yates said.

She described how the craft flew up and then disappeared below the horizon. One-and-a-half miles away, Christopher Rogers

(10) and his 11-year-old brother Matthew, of Brunswick Fields, Conyer, also saw the lights.

Mum Barbara said: "My kids were playing out the front when they saw it. I went out the back, but saw only some yellow lights."

Christopher said the object was about three times the size of a jumbo jet and made a quiet humming noise.

Mrs. Yates said she called all her children and next door neighbours to come and look. "I wasn't scared and I would have gone up to it if it had landed. I don't really know what it was, or if anyone was on board it was said."

Mrs. Rogers recalled how when she was youngster, about 20 years ago, she saw a UFO in Sheerness. "I was looking out of a friend's bedroom window and there were lots of lights," she said.

Sittingbourne police told RAF Manston, as is the normal procedure. The Ministry of Defence will now look into the sighting.

Senior air traffic controller at Manston Mr. Jim Gilchrist said: "We have now passed this case on to the MoD, but most of the time these sightings are perfectly explainable. It could be low-flying aircraft or an optical illusion."

An MoD spokesman said it had no knowledge of any defence aircraft or commercial planes in that area on Friday.

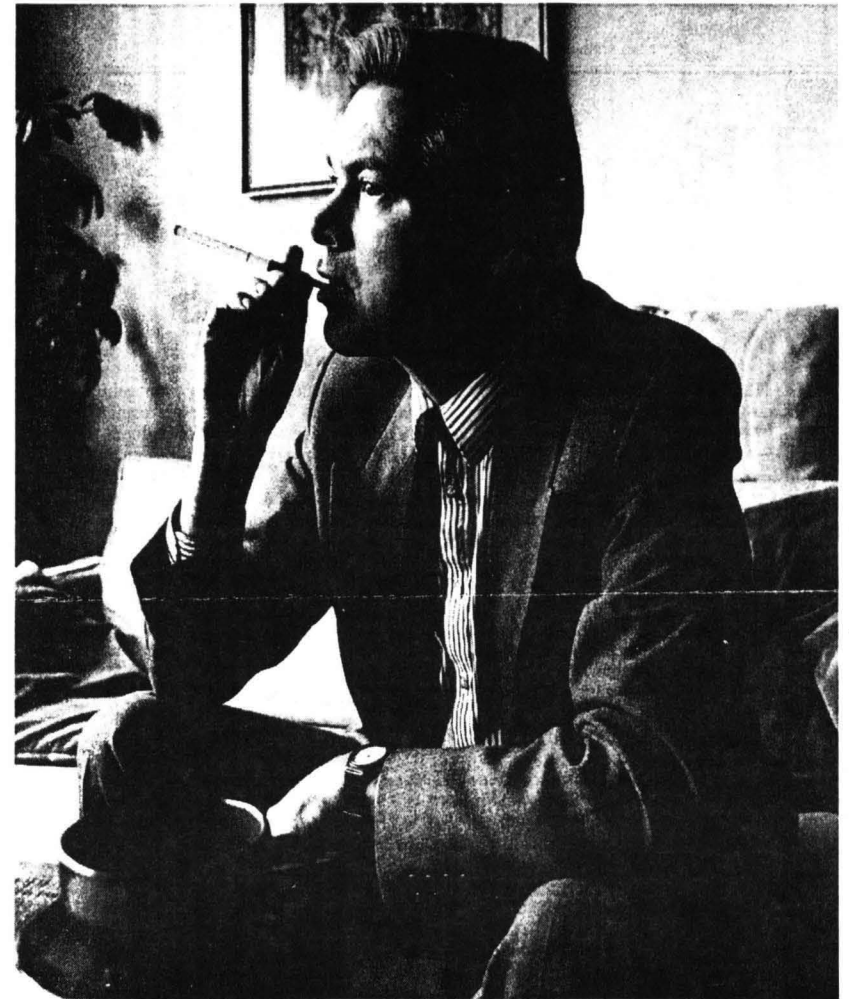
UFOs were sighted on three occasions by more than 30 workers of Faversham Shipyard in November, 1972. The objects appeared at the same time every day between 4pm and 4.30pm. No logical explanation was given.

Timothy Good is convinced that we are regularly visited by extra-terrestrials, and that there is a US government conspiracy to keep the public in the dark

# It's life, Tim, but not as we know it

THIS IS THE SITE REFERRED TO IN  
ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S "MYSTERIOUS WORLD"  
WHICH DESCRIBES AN ENCOUNTER  
BETWEEN A FORESTRY WORKER OUT  
WALKING AND WHAT APPEARED TO HIM  
AS AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

LDC 1991



The West Lothian 'incident' commemorated, and (above) Timothy Good: 'easy to poke fun at'

JEWISH TELEGRAPH, Manchester, England - Jan. 31, 1992 CR: T. Good

from David Rudge  
in Jerusalem

"ball of fire" with a tail of  
glittering light, about a  
mile high.

UFO investigator  
Hadassah Arbel said she  
had received a dozen re-  
ports from Sated, Tib-  
et, Mishmar Ha'emek  
and Haila.

An Israeli Radio news  
report on the UFO said  
there were further reports  
of sightings in the south,  
Most of the UFO  
spotter described it as a

including Dimona and  
Arbel, who lives in  
Haila and has studied  
numerous reports of the  
sightings, said the mys-  
terious object did not fit the  
usual pattern.

"Usually it would have  
clearly defined contours,  
either clear-shaped, ellip-  
tical, saucer-shaped or  
simply round.

"In this case the re-  
ports described it as being  
like a ball of fire with a  
glittering tail.

"It's also the first time  
that I can recall that a  
UFO has been seen by so  
many people throughout  
the country."

"It doesn't appear to  
have been a meteor or a  
spaceship falling to earth,  
so I can only think that it  
was some kind of celestial  
phenomenon." (JPRS)

TIMOTHY GOOD has been de-  
scribed as a "maniac" whose "shrill  
yappings" are believed only by "sub-  
normal people". This makes him smile  
all the way to the bank.

He has two strings to his bow. As an  
accomplished violinist he was with the  
London Symphony Orchestra for 14  
years and has played under many famous  
conductors, among them Klemperer,  
Stravinsky and Mantovani. Beside the  
window of his Beckenham flat hangs a  
picture of Beethoven. In front of the  
window is a camera clamped to a  
tripod. The powerful telephoto lens  
points to the sky. Somewhere up there  
are creatures which provide the bow's  
second string: "extra-terrestrial biolog-  
ical entities". Mr Good is a student of  
flying saucers, aliens, and of what he  
asserts is a near-impenetrable conspiracy  
by governments to hide the truth.

As a UFO buff he has profited  
handsomely from books on the subject.  
Two things prompted me to meet him.  
The first was a letter from his literary  
agent Andrew Lowrie lamenting that  
"it is easy to poke fun at Tim," who  
deserved "a fair hearing". The second  
was the appearance on a Scottish hill-  
side, last week, of the world's first mon-  
ument to a visit by a UFO. The metal  
plaque, in West Lothian, commemorates  
the 1979 sighting of a "spaceship"  
which overpowered a forestry worker,  
tore his clothes and gassed him before  
speeding off.

The West Lothian incident attracted  
the interest of Arthur C Clarke, the sci-  
ence writer, who made a detailed  
record. It so happens that Tim Good's  
father, who worked in radar, shared an  
RAF camp with "Spaceship Clarke," as  
he was then known, during and after  
the Second World War. "Arthur  
Clarke was called a complete nutter in  
those days," Mr Good says pleasantly.  
UFO monitors tend to get mocked  
mercilessly. Reaction can be at best  
sceptical: at worst, a howl of ridicule.

In his latest book, *Alien Liaison*, *The  
Ultimate Secret*, about to be released in  
paperback (Arrow, £4.99). Mr Good  
describes conversations which others  
have had with beings from outer space,  
adding: "Though highly evolved spiri-  
tually, these people were 'down to  
Earth' in the sense that they enjoyed

creature comforts. And — thank heav-  
ens — they had a sense of humour." His  
own sense of humour helps him cope  
with reviewers, one of whom wrote  
(in *The Daily Telegraph*) of an earlier  
volume, *Above Top Secret*, *The  
Worldwide UFO Cover-up*: "I do not know  
how many trees were cut down to produce  
this 590-page diatribe, but I wish they had  
been left standing. . . Mr Good's ideas are  
those of a maniac."

Of *Alien Liaison*, the same writer  
declared (in *The Spectator*): "It is pain-  
ful to turn to the shrill yappings of  
Timothy Good. . . The thesis, which he  
shouts rather than argues, is that aliens  
are constantly visiting Earth and that  
the US Government is 'covering them  
up'. Really? . . . Only mentally subnor-  
mal people could believe in it." Another  
reviewer found it "credulous bunk".  
Most reviews are kinder, however.

His literary agent, a military histori-  
an with knowledge of intelligence mat-  
ters, sent me a photograph of his client  
which resembled Captain Kirk of the  
starship *Enterprise*. In the flesh, he

Mr Good, now 49, had just entered  
his teens when a cousin in American  
computer research sent him a book  
about space aliens. "I was immediately  
excited," he says. "There had been re-  
ports from military and civilian airline  
pilots that the general public wasn't  
aware of: to date, 3,500 sightings since  
the 1940s. The majority remain classi-  
fied — in the interests of national secu-  
rity, the various government agencies  
say — but details of some have been  
released." He shows me documents he  
obtained, using the US Freedom of In-  
formation Act, from the Pentagon,  
North American Aerospace Defense  
Command and other sources. Sections  
have been blacked out by the censor.

His pursuit of "the truth" — that  
UFOs exist, that their occupants actu-  
ally walk the Earth, and that govern-  
ments know a lot more than they're  
prepared to acknowledge — intensified  
after he left the LSO in 1978 (he still  
does "session work", including televi-  
sion commercials and films). In 1983,  
he published an exploratory volume  
about UFOs at his own expense. Two

for about 10 years, during which I have  
formed the opinion that he is both hon-  
est and reliable. I am quite sure that he  
is not a 'nut-case' . . .

The book is, by its nature, weird, re-  
ferring, for example, to alleged en-  
counters between "Etherians"  
(occupants of UFOs) and two Ameri-  
can Republican presidents, Dwight D  
Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan.  
According to Mr Good's inform-  
ants, during an unscheduled visit to  
Edwards Air Force Base in California  
Eisenhower was taken to Hanger 27  
where a flying saucer and its occupants  
were housed. The Etherians "had the  
same proportions as humans and were  
able to breathe our atmosphere." Mr  
Good records. They spoke English, and  
supposedly informed the president that  
they wanted to start an "educational  
programme" for the people of Earth,  
then reportedly demonstrated their  
paranormal powers by making them-  
selves invisible, causing Eisenhower  
considerable embarrassment.

Ike, who often had difficulty string-  
ing sentences together, could have  
used an "educational programme".  
Ditto Ronald Reagan. In 1974, accord-  
ing to Mr Good, the then airborne gov-  
ernor of California saw "a big light"  
and ordered the pilot to give chase.  
"We followed it for several minutes,"  
Reagan is reported as having said. "All  
of a sudden, to our utter amazement it  
went straight up into the heavens.  
When I got off the plane I told Nancy  
all about it." Eight years later, while  
viewing the film *ET* in the White  
House, President Reagan whispered to  
the producer Steven Spielberg: "There  
are probably only six people in this  
room who know how true this is."

Mr Good says: "I haven't actually  
confirmed that last bit with Spielberg,  
but I will."

Then there is Jimmy Carter's sight-  
ing. During his 1976 Presidential elec-  
tion campaign Carter announced that  
he'd seen a UFO in 1969.  
I ask Mr Good: "Did you know  
about Jimmy Carter's giant rabbit?"  
"No."

"Well, towards the end of his presi-  
dency, he declared that while out in a  
boat fishing on a lake in Plains, Geor-  
gia, he was attacked by a giant rabbit. It

## NOTEBOOK

by CAL McCRYSTAL

thousand copies were sold, bringing a  
tiny profit. His researches have taken  
him into the Pentagon and the White  
House office, and he has talked (some-  
times inconclusively) to the CIA, mili-  
tary officers and space scientists.

*ABOVE TOP SECRET*, published by  
Sidgwick & Jackson in 1987, and later  
by Grafton Books, went to the top of  
the bestseller lists in Britain and Aus-  
tralia and has since done well in the  
United States, Canada, Germany and  
Japan. *Alien Liaison*, too, is likely to be  
a commercial success (18,000 hardback  
sales already). It is dedicated to Brit-  
ain's former Chief of Defence Staff,  
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton,  
whose introductory comments include  
the words: "I have known Tim Good

seems less exotic: tall, grey haired, pale,  
serious, courteous, softly spoken. He  
wears an elegant grey suit and dark  
blue tie. His hands are long and hair-  
less, the fingers tapering artistically.  
There is a sty on his right eyelid. The  
bedroom which he shares with his  
girlfriend, a teacher, has a wall lined  
with UFO books. In the hall, there are  
shelves of classified documents from  
many parts of the world and folders of  
newspaper and magazine clippings.  
Along a wall of the living-room are hi-fi  
equipment, LPs and tapes. Against an-  
other is a word processor. Near the sky-  
probing camera are a music-stand  
supporting sheets of Bach, an art deco  
china cabinet and an enormous hi-fi  
speaker. He serves coffee in red cups  
and sticks a cigarette into a holder.

STAR, Sheffield, England - Dec. 19, 1991

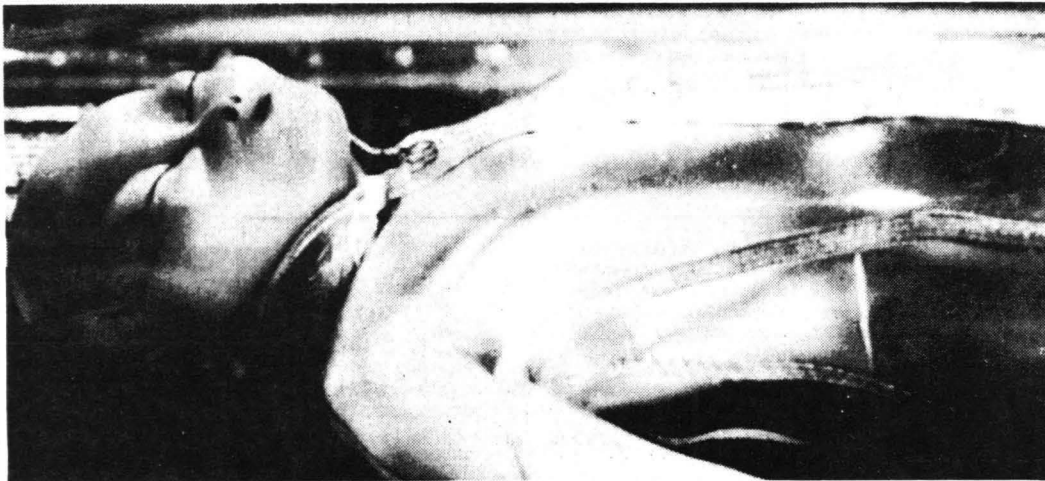
## 'UFO' is sighted over city

SHEFFIELD authorities  
are this afternoon baffled  
by reports of a UFO over  
the city.

Hospital cook Joanne  
Carrington spotted the  
mysterious object while  
driving to work.  
Two floating lights caught  
23-year-old Joanne's  
attention as she headed  
away from her home in  
Bramhall Road, Darvall,  
for Sheffield's Royal  
Hallamshire Hospital.  
The RAF and police  
received no calls about  
the UFOs.

CR: T. Good





This is the photograph identified as "the dead body of a spaceman." The body was actually made of wax and his "space clothes" were a scuba diving suit.

## Photo of Spaceman on TV Is Hoax

The photograph of a spaceman that was used in a special program on UFOs aired Sunday on the Nippon Broadcasting System (NTV) network channels was actually the photo of a wax doll, it was learned Monday.

It had been already found by the past spring that the photo, which was titled "the dead body of a spaceman," was released by playful UFO researchers of the United States and

Canada, a Japanese UFO specialist in Toyonaka City, Osaka, pointed out to the Asahi Shimbun.

Junichi Takanashi, president of the Japan UFO Science Society, said the foreign specialists had already admitted in a U.S. magazine that their act was "mischief."

The photo was introduced in two-hour "UFO Special," the fourth in a series, which was broadcast from 7

p.m.

Takanashi said the photo was distributed as a prize to subscribers of the U.S. UFO magazine, Orbiter, at the end of last year.

The U.S. magazine disclosed in a spring issue that the color photo was taken in September 1981 by Christian Page of Canada. The spaceman was actually a wax doll that was on display at a museum in Montreal.

INDEPENDENT, London, England

Jan. 11, 1992 CR: T. Good

## FLYING SAUCER NESTS

Sir: Anthony Poole (Letters, 28 December) may be wise to regard the crop circles phenomenon with some skepticism, but he is mistaken in saying that crop circles occur only in fields of wheat. Although wheatfields dominate the landscape in the circles-prone areas of Wiltshire and Hampshire, circles also have been swirled into barley, oats, linseed, rapeseed, rice, beans, tobacco, sugar-cane, grass, dirt, snow, ice - and even, according to a Japanese physicist, in miniature on sooty walls near electrical transformers and underground railway tracks. In fact, there is substantial evidence, from around the world and stretching back centuries, of simple circles swirled on to the ground. The more complex formations of recent years are less easily defended.

Mr Poole should also note that the Southampton hoaxers, Doug Bower and Dave Chorley, do not claim to have made the first crop circles. These, as "flying saucer nests", had long featured in the UFO lore which they both knew well. It may turn out, then, that serious research into a real, albeit rare, phenomenon has come about only because of a sensational hoax.

JIM SCHNABEL  
Oxford

PRESS & JOURNAL, Aberdeen, Scotland - Jan. 8, 1992 CR: T. Good

## Crofters' tales set world in spin!



SIGHTINGS of a mysterious flaming circle, containing a globe of the world, have been baffling crofters in Sandwick, Shetland.

The strange flashing object, 6ft in diameter, has reportedly been hovering above fields and lighting up rooms in houses.

Mr Arthur Moar (70), Sand, said: "I was lying in bed at about 7am on Monday, just thinking about getting up. It was completely dark when the room just lit up with flashing lights."

"I looked out the window and this big, red, fiery thing was sitting on the grass. I wasn't scared, I was just amazed."

He said he watched the object, part of which was like a world globe, fall apart from what looked like a round electric tube and, glowing dimmer, it lifted up and floated west.

The tube was still burning in his garden, but by the time he went out to look it had disappeared.

### Sightings

Mr Moar said he has seen a strange light in the sky to the north-east on many occasions over the past three years.

Last Saturday, he and his two sisters watched it sailing about above fields around their home before it disappeared into the distance.

"I never said anything to anybody before because they might have thought I was going queer in the head. I suppose a lot of people will say it is just

■ "Who's going to believe him a week after Hogmanay?"

This big, red thing was sitting on the grass

- Mr ARTHUR MOAR

my imagination, but it couldn't be truer than I am living here."

His sister, Katie, said her room was lit up by the object on Monday, and a neighbour said he and his wife and son were also woken up by a bright light.

The neighbour, who preferred not to be named, said the light was much brighter than a car's headlights and seemed to fill the entire room.

### UFO book

He said of Mr Moar: "I know for certain that he saw something because he is not a man to make up a story like that. I certainly would not doubt his word."

"The funny thing about it all was I was given a book about the mystery of UFOs for Christmas."

A spokesman for the Lerwick weather observatory could throw no light on the incident: "The only thing I can suggest is that it was an electro meteor, which happens when an electrical charge is given off from an object into the atmosphere."

"But that is unlikely to travel around. It really is a mystery."

Professor of Astronomy at

Glasgow University Professor Archie Roy said he had been puzzled by such reports for 30 years.

After hearing a description of what Mr Moar saw, he said it was unlikely to have been a meteorite or fireball because they would only have lasted a second or two.

"It is very, very strange. The interesting thing is that it was not a one-off thing and was seen by other people. Over the last 40 years there have been tens of thousands of strange reports in the world."

"About 92% have subsequently been satisfactorily explained. Even the planet Venus was mistaken for a UFO once. But about 8% have never, ever been satisfactorily explained."

He suggested that some could be perfectly natural phenomena which are not yet universally recognised.

Prof Roy suggested that Mr Moar keep detailed accounts in future of the colours, brightness and direction of the UFO if he sees it again.

A spokesman for Shetland coastguards in Lerwick said they had received no reports of any strange objects in the sky at the time Mr Moar gave.

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS AS 'SCOUT SHIP' FIRST FOOTS

By SALLY McDONALD

MYSTERY continues to surround purported UFOs over Turriff, with reports of another sighting.

And the intrigued spotters want to know if anyone else witnessed a red glowing orb in the area on the night of January 1.

Local hairdresser Sandra Smith, of Al-e-Mar, Greengates, told the "Advertiser" she noticed the object hovering over neighbouring Morrison Motors at about 2am.

"We were having a bit of a party to celebrate New Year and our blinds were open. I just looked up and happened to spot this bright red glowing circle, like a fiery circus hoop. It was quite high in the sky and I judged it to be about 15ft across, although it's difficult to say."

"I didn't know what it was, and

went to the window to take a better look. A friend saw it too."

"It was really weird, but when I told my family and the girls at work they just laughed and said I had drunk too much."

"It certainly wasn't a helicopter light," she insisted, "and it's highly unlikely that there would be a great deal of military activity in the area at New Year - a national holiday."

"I've seen the aurora borealis and it wasn't that. It fairly makes you wonder."

Miss Smith says she put the matter out of her mind until she read about a local family's earlier sighting in a daily newspaper. A number of people in Shetland

also made similar claims only days later.

"When I read that other people had seen the object I became really intrigued, and wanted to find out more about it," she said.

The "Advertiser" contacted the Robertson family, who reported the first sighting, to ask them about their experience.

The family live above the former post office in the High Street, and teenagers Laura and Ray had been watching TV at about 8pm on January 1 when they claim a similar, but smaller object appeared.

"It moved fairly slowly on a diagonal angle from above the roof tops until it was level with them, then it hovered for a second, before shooting off along High Street towards the Clydesdale clock," said Ray.

Laura (16) added: "It was a large, orange, oval-shaped ring, about the size of a window, but by the time we got up to investigate, it was gone."

Mum Ann, a Turriff community councillor said: "The kids came rushing in to tell us about it. They certainly saw something."

"Whatever it was, you would imagine that it could be picked up by radar or something, or that someone, somewhere would have an answer."

But thirteen-year-old Ray has his own theory: "I looked up this kind of sighting in a library book about UFOs and I think it could have been a scout ship."

Laura said: "Of course, people have been taking the mickey for days, but we definitely saw something weird."

"We'd like to know what it is, and if anyone else has seen it."



Sandra Smith



Laura Robertson



Ray Robertson

# Now UFO is official

## Authority recognise 'landing'

IT was Scotland's most famous close encounter — when a 30ft high UFO was said to have landed on the slopes of Dechmont Law at Livingston.

Now, more than a decade later, Livingston Development Corporation have erected a small memorial to mark the sighting.

It is believed to be the first time anywhere in the world that a public body has officially recognised such a claim.

And UFO groups are planning to arrange their own special ceremony to highlight the importance of the spot.

Forester Bob Taylor hit the headlines in November 1979 with his account of the first claimed spacecraft landing in Britain.

Teetotaler Mr Taylor, now 73, claimed he stumbled across the UFO in a clearing in a wood. As he watched, two round spiky objects like Second World War mines dropped from the craft and rolled towards him.



by IAN KYLE

He collapsed, and when he awoke his body was bruised and his clothes torn. Police found depressions in the ground where he said he had been and no official explanation has ever been offered for the encounter. Mr Taylor said today: "I am

still positive it was some sort of strange craft."

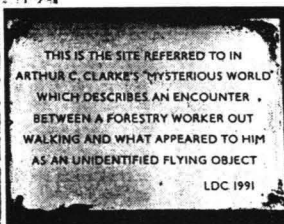
Retired, he lives in Perthshire. Ron Halliday, chairman of Strange Phenomena Investigations, said he was surprised the memorial had been erected without any ceremony.

"We are proposing to have a little opening ceremony of our own. We will be inviting other UFO groups along once we have

made the arrangements. This is a world first to have an official public body putting up a plaque to mark an incident like this."

Paul Filipek, head planner with Livingston Development Corporation, said a plaque had been set into a small cairn at Dechmont Law.

Mr Halliday added that investigations were continuing into various reported UFO sightings in West Lothian.



**UFO SITE:** The plaque (above) marks the spot where forester Bob Taylor (below) says he had a close encounter with a mysterious object in 1979.



## Anyone out there? Readers reveal their close encounters

# Calling planet earth!

PENSIONER Gwen Haddon, of Welland Close, Raunds, said she had no ideas about whether there was life in outer space, and said she doesn't know anyone who has seen a UFO.

She said: "I do read about these things, but I just can't make my mind up about it."

Michelle Carr, 27, who lives in Raunds, said: "I think there could be, it doesn't worry me."

But 75-year-old Fred Harding, of Laywood Close, Raunds, said: "I

have seen one. When I lived in Bristol I went out to get the Saturday evening paper and there was this terribly bright thing just above the house. It was massive.

"We stood looking at it and it went off at a terrific speed."

"Two days later there was a thing in the newspaper on people in Cardiff who had seen the same thing."

Mr Harding's wife Nesta, 74, said: "You should always believe that anything could exist. I haven't seen one but I believe it is quite possible."

Andy Pusey, 28, from Bath Road, Kettering, said: "If I saw something it would depend on how much drink I'd had; I might believe it."

He thought he would tell someone of his findings but would hardly catch it on film. Unlike our photographer, he doesn't walk round with a camera slung over his shoulder.

Pensioner Leonard Hudson, of Garfield Street, Kettering doesn't disbelieve in UFOs but is not 100 per cent convinced of their existence either.

He said: "I've read a lot of books on extra-terrestrials and similar and I am open-minded on the subject."

His daughter was a different

**Scientists say there are so many millions of planets in the universe that chances are one of them has people on it. But would these beings bother to visit us on our polluted, dangerous earth? We decided to see if our readers believed in UFOs.**

case. Mrs Hudson said that she thought she saw one just outside Lincoln. He told us she had also seen Roundhead and Cavalier soldiers.

Tim Prigmore, Kettering town centre's policeman, was sceptical to say the least. He said: "There must be objects which are unidentified so, yes, I do believe, but not in space men." When asked if he would report it he commented: "Yes, if I didn't think I was going to be ridiculed."

Mrs Jane Cosford, of Greenfield Avenue, Kettering, said she had seen a UFO. "I saw it at 7.25am in Bishops Drive, Kettering, walking to the bus stop one October morning. I didn't think of it until it was in the paper that evening, a Corby man had seen and reported it. It was a big ball shape hovering along Highfield Road."

Millbrook Junior School pupil, Hannah Rose, of Marlborough Close, Kettering didn't believe in them but if she saw one she might.

The ten-year-old thought she would report it but would probably be just as scared as she was excited. She added: "I would expect it to be round with bright lights on it." Surprisingly the youngster did not expect to see any little green monsters!

"UFOs? No such thing," stoutly declared dad Neil Brodie, of

Tower Road, Corby.

"People may think they see something in the sky but it's really a trick of the light," said the British Steel employee.

But they do exist insisted mum Margaret Mitchell, of Millfield Avenue, Cottingham.

"I've read books about it so there has got to be something there, although I probably have been influenced by science fiction films."

If I encountered something of the third kind I'd stay and talk because I'm so inquisitive," she said.

Sixteen-year-old Corby Tresham College students Philip Toon, of Llewellyn Walk, and Glen Deathridge, of Burgess Court, told the Citizen they would faint.

And you wouldn't see pensioner Bernard McDermid, of Baltic Close, Corby, for dust if a spaceship landed. "I'd run a mile," he laughed. "I'd be very scared. But I don't believe in them — we're the only inhabited planet."

Pensioner Jessie Sommers, of Farmstead Road, Corby, would keep the information to herself. "I wouldn't tell anybody in case they think I'm cuckoo or something," she chuckled.

But if engineer John Rix, of Stephen Way, Corby, happened upon some green men he would have no hesitation jumping in the spacecraft and joining them in outer space. "It'd be better than here. You wouldn't have to work and have a completely different lifestyle."



■ Andy Pusey Photo:JA16421.16



■ TIM Prigmore Photo:JA16421.21

BOREHAMWOOD & RADLETT

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## Mystery for star gazers

A MYSTERIOUS red star-like object with a tail which was seen over the Sopwell Farm area of St Albans is causing quite a stir.

It was spotted for a total of between eight and nine hours between January 2 and 3 and January 4 in the sky above Sopwell Farm.

The sighting was reported to the London UFO Studies group, whose chairman is now calling on anyone else who saw something unusual in the sky that night to contact him on 081 595 4797.

"It was described as like a very bright star but reddish in colour with a tail and it was seen for quite a considerable time," said the group's chairman, Roy Lake.

WESTERN DAILY PRESS, England - Feb. 18, 1991

## UFO bid to beam the tourists up

By Mervyn Hancock

A GROUP of businessmen are looking across the border and into the heavens for an opportunity to boost a town's flagging tourist industry.

And their sights are firmly fixed on Cley Hill between Frome and Warminster which was once the West Country centre for Unidentified Flying Objects.

In recent months the famous landmark has been out of the headlines with no sightings of flying saucers or extra-terrestrial beings.

But now it will be featured on

a tourist brochure being planned by a consortium of businessmen in time for the summer bookings.

Other attractions being featured are local steam railways, Longleat, Cheddar Caves, Wookey Hole and the Bird Gardens at Rodé near Frome.

In its heyday Cley Hill attracted visitors from around the world, and had a permanently manned observation post near its summit.

One Frome hotelier even ran UFO weekends which included all-night spotting sessions on the hill.

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Stargazer has a special message from Mars

# 'Greetings to all intelligent lifeforms'

Aliens want to speak to us says Gill



Artist's impression of the aliens waving to East Enders

ALIENS from Mars are transmitting messages to the East End claims a stargazing psychic.

Men from Mars DO exist says Stepney psychic Gillian Lee, who has seen families of Martians and even spoken to them.

Now mystic Gill, who has spent years making contact with lifeforms on other planets, has spoken to the Advertiser about her amazing experiences.

One alien, who Gillian has vividly described, has sent a message to East Enders saying: "Greetings and blessings to all intelligent lifeforms."

The drawing shows what the little men look like. They are bronze coloured, have flat faces, no lips and lots of teeth.

Gillian, who says she has made several contacts with the planets, told us: "I could see them as clearly as I can see you now. They desperately want to speak to people on Earth."

The little men smile and wave at Gillian whenever they appear. She believes many are already on Earth.

She said: "I see auras around people. It is a tremendous light showing a life force. If some-



Psychic Gillian Lee: I'm not a nutter

one doesn't have an aura then it means they are very insecure or they are not human."

BY MICHELLE TAVERNER

She said: "I wasn't frightened when I saw these lifeforms. They were very friendly and told me not to be afraid."

Gillian uses no equipment other than a dowsing pendulum.

In a special Advertiser demonstration, she found that one of our

reporters suffered from severe migraine. She could also tell us where electric cables ran under our offices.

She also predicts winning horses and claims she can pinpoint the whereabouts of UFOs.

Gillian is interested in helping other people develop their psychic powers.

She said: "Everyone can learn and I want to show them how. I am not a nutter, I want to help science."

For more information contact: Gillian Lee, c/o Suite 1, 281 City Road, EC1V 1LA.

EVENING NEWS, Manchester, England - Jan. 6, 1992 CR: T. Good



LIZ: Close encounter of a strange kind

## Liz claims: I saw UFO

By Matt Finnegan

STAR DJ Liz Kershaw told today of her close encounter with a UFO.

The Radio One presenter had just left her family's home in Rochdale when she saw three red lights hovering above the US Army base at Burtonwood, near Warrington.

She told listeners: "I watched them for quite a while, and they were nothing like a plane."

"Other motorists also slowed down to stop and look."

"I don't want people to think I'm seeing things, but it would be arrogant of us to think there was nothing in any of these sightings."

"And I think the authorities know a lot more about UFO sightings than they are willing to tell us."

Fellow DJ Bruno Brooks also told today of his close encounter with a mystery flying object.

He spotted an oblong object floating in the air above his house in Stoke-on-Trent.

SUNDAY TIMES, Perth, W.A., Australia  
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## WHAT TO DO WHEN



The Citizens Advice Bureau of WA (Inc) welcomes queries to Law Society House, 33 Barrack St, Perth 6000. Telephone 221 5711.

Q MY son and his friend were driving across the Nullarbor and took turns in driving. They both experienced an eerie feeling and felt that the car was being lifted off the ground. My son is not one to fantasise so I wonder if there is any truth in UFOs?

A THE Western Australian UFO Investigation Centre is now inactive but your local library will have books on the subject which may provide a reasonable explanation for the phenomena.

# STRANGE RED LIGHTS SPOTTED OVER LEEDS

By HOWARD WILLIAMSON

UFO expert Graham Bird-sall spotted two red lights flying low and silently in the sky over Killingbeck, Leeds, and added them to his list of strange sightings.

The incident happened a month ago as he was travelling along York Road towards his home at Pickard Court, Temple Newsam.

"They were following each other about 500 yards apart and neither of them was the police helicopter," said Graham. "An hour later another witness said he had seen two red orbs hovering high in the sky and then dancing around."

Graham, a 37-year-old lorry driver, reckons he has seen five UFOs since his interest was aroused at the age of 13.

"I saw this intense bright light over Scott Hall Road," he recalled. "And then in the time it took me to walk from my front to back door it just disappeared from a clear sky."

### QUEST

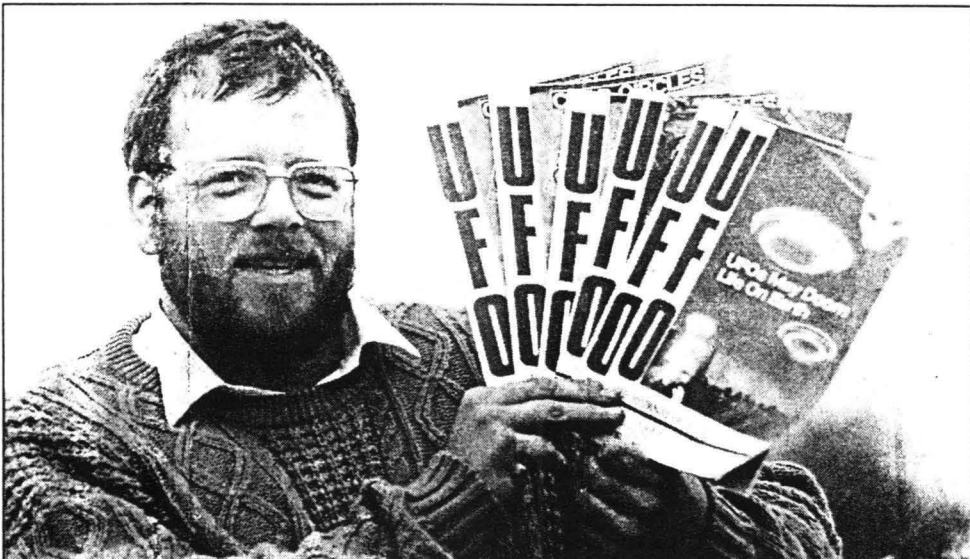
"A few weeks later I came across a book on UFOs and that began my quest. In the last 24 years I reckon I have seen five exceptionally good UFOs."

Graham now edits *UFO*, the journal of UFO Investigation, with his brother Mark, 32, of Carr Manor Drive, Leeds. They plan a major expansion in 1992.

The bi-monthly magazine is now in its 10th year of publication and sells to 28 countries.

"Currently we sell up to 1,500 copies per issue but we hope to increase this to 20,000 copies," said Graham.

"We already distribute through leading newsagents and plan to do even more."



BILL HIRST

▲ NEW SIGHTING: Graham Bird-sall, editor of *UFO* magazine, who spotted two red lights over Killingbeck

## Crossgate Moor UFO mystery

# Couple on sky watch



**A DURHAM couple have been watching the skies after seeing what they are convinced was a UFO over the outskirts of the city.**

Andrew and Carole Bowman were travelling home to Brandon with their nine-year-old daughter Sarah Davies when they spotted a bright white light in the sky.

They stopped their car and Carole watched as a flying saucer-shaped object with high illuminated windows banked slightly and vanished into the night.

"I have been trying to logic it out and I can't. I know what I saw," said Carole.

"I was very sceptical of the typical flying saucer

EXCLUSIVE by JANET HALL

image, but that's just what it was."

The family were travelling along the A167 towards Pity Me two weeks ago when they saw the bright light quite low down in the night sky.

They could see it was moving slightly and at first thought it could have been an aeroplane or a helicopter. But when Andrew stopped the car, just before Crossgate Moor to get his camera, and they got out, there was silence, no engine noise at all.

Carole, who got the best view of the mystery object, said: "The light it was giving off was disguising the size of it. It looked bigger than a jumbo jet but round.

There was a big light on the top, and below that were the windows."

Back at home, Andrew rang Newcastle Airport, who told him the night was too windy for helicopters and there were no military aircraft in the area.

He rang the Civil Aviation Authority in London and then the Ministry of Defence. They took details of the sighting.

"I prefer to deal in tangible things, I just can't explain it," said Andrew. "I'm convinced it was a UFO. We're watching the sky virtually every night now to try and see it again."

"We are going to be classed as cranks but we know what we saw."

COLCHESTER EVENING GAZETTE, Essex, England - Jan. 1, 1992 CR: T. Good

## Mystery light spotted at sea

A MYSTERIOUS beam of light has been spotted off Clacton seafloor.

The light, which was reported to the Essex Unidentified Flying Object Research Group, was seen by the old Butlin's site and lasted for about ten minutes before vanishing.

Ron West, the group's chairman, was told of the incident by a woman who had been walking her dogs.

# White lights puzzle a Pc

**THE MYSTERY** of the strange circle of light in the sky deepened today with another confirmation of the sighting — by a policeman.

Pc Malcolm Brunt told how he watched white lights going around in a spiral while he was on night beat in Hamworthy.

He said: "There were four pieces of light coming down from low cloud. It looked just like a picture you would get on a wall from a projector."

"It was in the distance towards Upton and I was very intrigued. I walked towards it to try to trace where it was coming from, but it had gone. It was very puzzling."

Pc Brunt saw the light as he was walking at the Harbourside estate with Dave Chilcott, co-ordinator of the Home Watch scheme.

He was speaking after

By Alita Miles

an Echo report of the riddle on Monday night when Corfe Mullen man Richard Mathews was followed by the whirling light formation while out for a walk.

The light was also seen four miles away at Sturminster Marshall by Sally Mead who said: "The thought that it might be a UFO crossed my mind."

At the Royal Marines base in Hamworthy adjutant Captain Edward Parks said: "We did not have any airborne or waterborne training that night."

"Any vehicles on the ground would be very difficult to mistake for anything else."

## Gerry to make ET tome at home

ACTOR Gerry Banyard is hoping to develop a new career as an author, thanks to a close encounter with a group of Manchester UFO experts.

The 37-year-old thespian, who toured with the West End production of Rattle Of A Simple Man, has written a serious tome on extra-terrestrials, to be published soon in the USA, and is half way through a fictional novel on the same theme called The Grand Deception.

Based at Edenfield, near Bury, he tells me: "I have been interested in alien life forms since I spotted a UFO



■ GERRY BANYARD

when aged 13. But four years ago I joined Direct Investigation Group of Ariel Phenomena and it now absorbs my life."

Last year he travelled to the USA where he picked

up copies of confidential papers which he claims proves the US and British governments are covering up the fact that ETs are out there.

Gerry, who appeared with DIGAP founder Arthur Tomlinson on TV's Clive Anderson Talks Back just before Christmas, adds: "I have had to write up my theories as fiction for the British market because many people would be deeply frightened if they realised spacemen were infiltrating our society and abducting humans for indoctrination."

And he's not acting.

# Gold UFO buzzed my house — mother

By Tom Flint

A TETBURY woman who claims a UFO hovered over her home, is appealing for anyone else who may have seen it to come forward.

The woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she saw a large gold five-pointed star in the air between Tetbury and Malmesbury early last Friday morning.

The star, which appeared to rotate slowly and looked as though it was floating in the air, made a humming noise and was about the size of a small aeroplane, she said.

It hovered across to her house very slowly about 500ft up in the air before taking off at terrific speed towards Cirencester.

"It is quite amazing and I don't know what to think about it — I just want to know if anyone else saw anything at that time," said the woman, who lives in the Hampton Street area of the town.

"It happened when my son was setting off for school and at first I thought it was a microlite. I had not been drinking and I can assure you I

am not used to seeing funny things in the sky."

She claimed the star, which was about the size of a small aircraft, had a row of black dots along its underside and appeared to be almost floating in the wind.

"I thought maybe it was a kite or something but then it got closer and came almost right over my house before heading off at a rate of knots."

"There was nothing hanging underneath and it had no visible means of support, windows or engine."

"There seems to be no logical explanation at all and I don't know if it was a UFO or what."

Staff at RAF Kemble saw nothing on their radar screen at the time of the incident and a check with London air traffic control at West Drayton showed there were no civil or military planes in the air.

Nor were there any microlites flying from the Pegasus Flight Training School at Long Newton Airfield on Friday morning.

"It was too foggy and too windy for anything to fly that day and I don't think there would have been anything else up there at that height in those conditions," a spokeswoman said.

## Secrets of 'crop-circle' grain?

**WHAT** mysterious metamorphosis takes place in the human body when a seemingly normal person acts completely out of character and goes off the rails?

Mild-mannered people can turn into gun-toting maniacs seemingly at the drop of a hat. When this happens distraught friends and relatives invariably say "they are as mystified as anyone" while casual observers sometimes suggest that there could be something in the water.

The sad and frightening thing is that it is remarkably easy for an individual or group to infiltrate our food chain without us knowing and for the most part without us caring.

Of all the many questions that members of the public ask me about the crop-circle phenomena the least-asked question is: "Is

the crop harvested and what happens to it?"

The simple answer is that 90 per cent of it is processed into our everyday food intake.

Some of the crops from the affected areas are rendered unrecognisable by the feet of the curious public, but as far as I am aware only one crop has ever been deliberately destroyed by orders of the Government.

You do not have to be a genius to realise that anything that is subjected to a burst of energy so severe that it alters the molecular structure completely, without changing the outside, must be affected in some way or another.

The Minister of Agriculture will not, of course, step in and ban produce from affected areas because this would be tantamount to admitting there was

something unusual going on, but I can assure you they are concerned as to just where the wheat etc is going to.

At a recent M15 conference to discuss crop circles, I can reveal that the Ministry of Agriculture was represented and distribution was on the agenda.

The ordinary wheat goes into our bread, biscuits and breakfast cereals while the hops and barley are consumed in the local pub.

Even the rape seed, which is used for feeding cattle, enters the food chain at some point or other so if "we are what we eat" shouldn't somebody be monitoring the progress of the affected produce.

M R JONES  
(Co-ordinator, Rochdale UFO Research Group)





POST, Birmingham, England - Feb. 1, 1992



## The frog deluge that spawned a mystery mag



Head start: The *Fortean Times* editors Bob Rickard (left) and Paul Sieveking.

In June 1954, a woman was walking through Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, with her small son when she was bombarded with hundreds of small frogs falling from the sky.

Years later in 1973 Mrs S. Mowday recalled this bizarre event in a letter to the *Sutton News*. This was to become one of the stories that inspired the creation of the *Fortean Times*, the journal of strange phenomena started in 1973 by a Birmingham designer.

"Everybody thought she was mad but I was able to tell her we have had about two frog falls a year in this country over the past few decades, including one in Moseley, Birmingham in 1892," says Bob Rickard, who founded the journal and produces it from his London home.

"The frogs were bouncing off her umbrella and she was afraid to walk for fear of crushing them."

Educated in Solihull, Bob Rickard's interest in strange events dated back to his days as a student at Birmingham Art College in the early 1970s when he collected cuttings of strange stories. Then in 1973, working as a product designer in the city, he sought a wider audience for his hobby by sending out a newsletter.

He named his publication the *Fortean Times* after the American journalist and philosopher Charles Fort (1874-1932), a famous recorder of the bizarre.

In *The Best of Fortean Times* — *The Journal of Strange Phenomena* (Futura, £9.99), you can find some of the odd tales that have surfaced in the bi-monthly publication, which has a 13,000 circulation and subscribers in more than 30 countries.

His many Birmingham fall-out cases include the enormous chunk of ice that fell on the city in 1881 — "I don't think at that time it could have come off a plane" — and the Aston back garden meteorite in 1969. Gloucestershire experienced the most exotic frog falls in the late 1980s when pink frogs fell in Stroud, Cirencester and Cheltenham.

The Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservancy was



Hop III! The *Best of Fortean Times* reports how three Oxfordshire policemen chased a wallaby in 1985.

not that baffled, however an expert there decided they were albino frogs probably carried on whirlwinds from a region such as the Sahara. But no naturalist has identified the species.

*Fortean Times* receives some 40 letters week says Mr Paul Sieveking, a Londoner who helps Mr Rickard to produce the journal.

His favourite sightings include the American Swamp Cat, America's answer to the Loch Ness monster. As a 12-year-old he himself saw a vast swarm of ladybirds turn the sea wall red at the Suffolk coastal village of Aldeburgh and later at Cambridge saw a Roman footsoldier briefly walking with two friends in a wood.

While crop circles are the rage in Britain (400 reported last summer), creatures from outer space head the US oddity hit parade. "We get a bit tired of UFOs," said Mr Sieveking.

"The current thing there is abduction. Lots of people are saying they have taken away by Ufonauts, given a medical examination and returned.

"There are cliques who compare snatches rather like Alcoholics Anonymous.

DISPATCH, Columbus, OH - Feb. 2, 1992 CR: MORA

### ASTRONOMY

## Myth is based on real, but invisible, star

The Dogons, who live in the mountains of central Mali in west-central Africa, say the world was created out of a single star by the god Amma.

Sirius, the Dog Star, seems the obvious choice from which to create the world. It dominates the winter sky as a brilliant point of light in the south.

But the Dogons did not choose Sirius. Instead, they identified a tiny companion to Sirius as the source of the universe.

The Dogons called Sirius *sigi tolo* and its companion *po tolo*, the "star of po."

Po is a grain indigenous to Africa. Of all the grains they knew of, it had the tiniest kernel.

When Amma formed the world, he first created this tiny grain, and the other grains necessary for the Dogon's survival emerged from it.

In the same way, *po tolo* is the source of all creation. It had to be small and white, like po.

*Po tolo* is like the husk of a seed out of which the world grew. Within the star are the bloody remains of all things created in the cosmos. Thus, despite its tiny size, the star must be very dense.

Even now, *po tolo* continues its work. It circles the brighter Sirius once every 50 years. As it spins, it spreads the infinitesimally small seeds of life throughout the world.

Most of these beliefs apparently go back at least 700 years, but they were first studied by the French anthropologist Marcel Griaule in 1931.

Amazingly, the Dogons were right about *po tolo*. Sirius does indeed have a tiny, dense companion orbiting it once every 50 years.

Sirius's companion is a white dwarf only a few thousand miles in diameter. Its material is so dense that a cubic inch of it weighs 2.5 tons.

Western astronomers didn't even suspect the



TOM BURNS

existence of the white dwarf until 1844, when Friedrich Bessel noticed a tiny wobble in the motion of Sirius.

It wasn't until 1862 that Alvin Clark used the largest lens-based telescope in the world to see this very dim point of light for the first time.

Herein lies the mystery. Without benefit of telescopes or western science, how did the Dogons know about Sirius's faint companion?

Roger Temple, in *The Sirius Mystery*, published in 1975, concludes that the Dogons heard about the companion of Sirius straight from the horse's, rather the Sirian's, mouth.

Ancient astronauts from Sirius visited Earth and gave the knowledge about the Dog Star's companion to the Egyptians. The facts were eventually passed on to the Dogons, who incorporated them into their myth.

Temple is Sirius — er, serious — about this.

Another explanation has been suggested by I. W. Roxburgh and I. P. Williams of the Queen Mary College in London. The Dogons, they suggest, found out about the companion from more earthly visitors.

Sometime between 1862 and 1931, the Dogons were probably visited by a western trader or missionary. The Dogons lived near a major trade route and must have had frequent visitors.

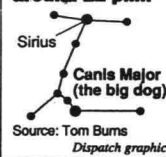
Confronted with a tribe that worshipped the star Sirius, this unknown traveller decided to give the Dogons the latest findings about their god.

When Griaule came along in 1931, the Dogons had absorbed the companion into their story.

Or it was ancient astronauts. Take your pick.

Tom Burns is past vice president of the Columbus Astronomical Society.

### Looking South around 11 p.m.



Source: Tom Burns  
Dispatch graphic

BAXTER BULLETIN, Mountain Home, AR

Jan. 30, 1992 CR: L. Willett

## Rattle attributed to sonic boom

A boom Wednesday morning which rattled windows, and a few nerves, may have been the result of a sonic boom caused by a jet aircraft. Several callers from various locations in Baxter County notified The Baxter Bulletin, local radio stations and authorities about the sound starting shortly after 9:20 a.m..

Initially, it was thought there may have been an earth tremor similar to one in 1990 which had been centered in Lake Norfolk. It had been accompanied by a booming sound.

However, Christy Chiu, a research assistant at the Center for Earthquake Research and Information at Memphis State University said, "It was not an earthquake."

No evidence of a tremor was recorded at the Memphis center, and a spokesman for the National Earthquake Information Center at Golden, Colo., also reported its seismic equipment showed no sign of seismic activity in this area.

Reports of the boom came from Jordan, Norfolk, Porterfield Estates, Briarcliff, the Cartney area, Gassville, Whiteville, Lakeview and, in the Mountain Home area, from the Walker Road and Cranfield areas as well as from different locations within the city itself.

One man reported the sound scared his cattle, which had been grazing but ran upon hearing it. There were reports of windows and doors being rattled from Norfolk to Lakeview. One woman in Mountain Home said she heard the boom, then heard the sound of an airplane immediately afterward.

According to Flight Services in Little Rock, which records flight plans for pilots, north Arkansas is in a military operations area (MOA), and the MOA was active Wednesday starting 10 miles south of Mountain Home and covering a 60-mile area.

A spokesman for Flight Service told The Bulletin sometimes during a midair refueling operation a jet aircraft can cause a sonic boom in the "refueling tracks." A woman in the Jordan area reported she heard the boom, went outside and saw a large aircraft overhead.

Public affairs personnel at Eaker Air Force Base at Blytheville, where KC-112 tankers are based, weren't aware of any aircraft from that base taking part in any operations and a Little Rock Air Force Base spokesman said they've only been flying C-130s. Neither of those aircraft can cause a sonic boom.

An Arkansas Air National Guard spokesman at Fort Smith said he wasn't aware of any of their jets being in this area, although after the boom was reported here they had a flight take off for Utah.

Military aircraft from bases in other states, however, have flown over Arkansas during training exercises.

## Lake snake baaad news

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Residents in a remote Siberian village have reported a giant green snake with the head of a sheep patrolling their local lake, Tass news agency said yesterday.

"A rather special giant snake with the head of a sheep has turned up in a lake near the village of Sharipovo," Tass said.

"Dozens of people have seen this green monster, which has the girth of a large tree trunk and is around six or seven yards long. One of them even managed to take a photograph of it. It swims along with its head high in the air."

Tass said the creature's tracks, spotted in the grass along the shoreline, resembled the runners of a large sleigh.

The agency compared the sighting to Scotland's famous Loch Ness monster and the Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas.

SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - Nov. 21, 1991 CR: G. Duplantier

# Strange creatures prowling Douglas woods

'Skunk ape' fans, Bigfoot believers flocking to county

By Bill Torpy  
STAFF WRITER

The mysterious predator of Dog River may well be stalking the dark woods of Douglas County, devouring housecats and hunting dogs, but apparently he's not the only creature haunting the back yards and backwoods of suburban Atlanta.

Metro residents say they've seen or heard a variety of scary critters prowling nearby — from panthers and bobcats to bears, Bigfoot and even a wolverine or two. And there's the "skunk ape," a probably mythical humanoid with seal skin and clawed feet that eats big farm animals and smells real bad.

The reports this week of a large creature with a guttural growl and a bad disposition liv-



NICK ARROYO / Staff

A panther was spotted by Jim Pirkle, and bobcat, bear and wolverine sightings have been reported in the metro suburbs.

ing near Dog River brought such tales out of the woodwork. It also attracted some people who want to stalk the beast — from the official Bigfoot Research and Investigation Team to the more gar-

den-variety "nutcases with guns," as some locals put it.

Others suggest the area is populated with some vivid imaginations.

"People want something to be

out there," said Greg Keyes, a University of Georgia anthropologist. "The real beasts, the wolves and panthers, are gone; we've killed them. People miss that element of danger in the environment — something that isn't human."

Perry Poe, executive director of Douglas County Animal Control, and state wildlife biologist Bill Fletcher said the original incident of a beagle being killed was a hoax.

But you'd have a hard time convincing many — with admittedly shorter titles — who are sure there is something out there, and it isn't human, exactly.

"It's a prehistoric animal they've seen in Florida and in south Alabama," says Mike Clark, a paint salesman from Dothan, Ala., who has been chasing the skunk ape for years. "They're notorious for the same thing: killing animals — horses, goats, hogs. The government took immediate interest in the attacks

but covered it up. They said it was wild dogs. It's not a Bigfoot, technically."

And a number of otherwise seemingly reliable people swear they have seen or heard something out there.

In Henry County, a woman swears a large wild animal tried to claw its way into her baby's bedroom.

"It was about 11:30 and my baby started crying," said Connie Mulvaney. "We went in and heard a growling noise and a clawing at the window. It was more than a growl; it was a deep, rough sound. It frightened us so much that we called the police."

Police found a tear in the screen and little else.

She has mentioned the incident to others, "but they only laugh."

Mike Redman, an elementary school principal who lives in south Fayette County, was cleaning a deer on his wooded property when he heard "a deep, awful, ferocious, guttural sound" nearby. He said it was obviously interested in his kill. He ran inside to fetch his gun.

"It was big, but not a bear," said Mr. Redman, who is missing two cats. "It was an overgrown varmint, and it's blood- and flesh-seeking."

He said he later saw an animal romping in a field, an animal that resembled a wolverine.

Jim Pirkle lives near Lithia

Springs and claims to have seen a black panther several times near his home, which is near a swamp. "He comes through this way at spring and fall," he said. "It's like clockwork."

Douglas County sheriff's Maj. Phil Miller said stories of black panthers in the area go back to when he was a kid. In fact, he heard a large cat in the woods when he was a boy "and ran like hell."

The Bigfoot Team, carrying beepers and official-looking badges, found a track that they attributed to a cat: the 200-pound variety.

But state and federal biologists contend there hasn't been a documented cougar or mountain lion sighting in the state for decades.

"We had a 12-year project and checked as many reports as

we could, about 400," said Steve Johnson, a wildlife biologist with the state Department of Natural Resources. "We never did come up with any evidence that we could attribute to a large cat."

Not far from Dog River lives Red Palmer, the man who invented the tranquilizer dart and a fellow who keeps 12 lions, two cougars and a pair of hyenas in pens on his property. He said none of his animals has gotten loose and that stories of mysterious killer beasts circulate every few years.

"People see something at night and it gets three times bigger," he said, attributing the attacks to bears, bobcats or domestic wild dogs.

There also has been strong interest from people calling themselves trackers who are dying to

get to Dog River so they can get after whatever's there.

"I thought I'd go through there at night with my pit bull and maybe put their minds to ease," said one man.

Another wanted to set trip wires.

Dog River resident Bobbi Mauldin said she'd feel more at ease if everyone just stayed home. "We don't want a bunch of nutcases out here with guns."

Emory University anthropologist Bradd Shore talked a bit about modern man's need to believe in the unbelievable and about the basic terror of the unknown.

He then laughed. "But then, of course, there could be something out there."

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

DAILY TELEGRAPH,  
London, England  
Feb. 1, 1992

## 'Abominable' visitors drop in from snow

By Our Moscow Staff

Two red-eyed "abominable snowmen" dropped in on a military barracks in northern Russia a week ago, Tass news agency said yesterday.

It said the larger one, which was 10 ft tall, dangled its long arms and wailed "Ooooooh" as its smaller companion perched itself on the duty officer's night-table. The two then leapt onto the barracks' nine-ft fence and fled into the snow-covered forest.

Witnesses said the two were covered in long grey wool, tufts of which were found on the fence.

CR: T. Good

HERALD-SUN,  
Melbourne, Australia  
Feb. 1, 1992

## Russians sight yetis

TWO abominable snowmen have reportedly been seen breaking into a military builders' barracks in a northern Russian town.

Moscow radio said yesterday about 30 people watched as the snowmen entered the barracks at Kargopol.

"One was two metres tall and the second was probably a young one, approximately a metre tall," the radio said.

Tufts of fur were later discovered on the barbed wire protecting the unit's perimeter.

The radio gave no details of what the snowmen did inside the barracks or when the incident took place.

— REUTER

CR: P. Norman

SUNDAY VIEW, Mountain Home, AR  
Feb. 2, 1992 CR: L. Willett

## Ray Dean Davis Checking into the sonic boom theory

Earlier this week, houses from Yellville to Salem were shaken by a mysterious explosion-like rumbling that rattled windows and even upset items resting on some wall shelves.

Many people figured it was an earthquake, but nearby agencies that keep up with that sort of thing said it wasn't. Right away, "experts" (who didn't know what the heck happened) announced that it was caused by a sonic boom.

Since a good investigative

journalist learns to be wary of accepting "expert" answers, I decided to check into this. The first step in such an investigation is to go right to the named source, so I zipped down to the Sonic Drive-In.

"Did you people cause the big boom?" I asked a busy clerk. The answering look I got could qualify as a "no."

Of course, investigative journalists learn to expect that, even if the party in question is guilty. So I took the

next investigative step and staked the place out.

After sitting at the Sonic for four days, both inside and out, day and night, I honestly don't believe they were involved.

I saw a few car doors slammed and one guy banged on an ordering speaker, but nothing that would have shaken houses miles away.

It's my professional opinion that Sonic didn't cause the boom, and the "experts" should look elsewhere for the answer.

# Scientists bicker over age; Sphinx isn't telling

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Seismic studies that conclude the Great Sphinx is 2,000 years older than traditionally believed were blasted as "pseudoscience" during a heated debate between experts.

Robert Schoch of Boston University told a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science last week that he believes the Great Sphinx was sculpted between 7000 and 5000 B.C., based on the erosion of the massive limestone carving.

The finding has outraged scholars of Egyptian history

who say it disputes generations of archaeological research into the Great Sphinx and the civilization that built it.

Located on the Giza Plateau just west of Cairo, the Great Sphinx is one of the largest limestone carvings in the world. It stands 66 feet high and is 240 feet long. The statue is of a crouched lion with the hooded head of a man.

Scholars of Egyptian history have long held that it was carved out of a solid limestone formation in 2500 B.C., during what is called the Old Kingdom Fourth Dynasty.

They say it bore the likeness

of Pharaoh Khafre. A nearby tomb carved out of limestone is thought to have been built at the same time.

Schoch said Friday that his seismic studies clearly show that the Sphinx is much more weathered or eroded than the nearby tomb. If the tomb is dated at 2500 B.C., the Great Sphinx has to be more than 2,000 years older, he said.

"The weathering profiles on the sphinx are indications that something is different," he said.

Mark Lehner, a University of Chicago archaeologist who has studied Egyptian history for more than 25 years, heat-

edly rejected Schoch's findings.

"You don't overthrow Egyptian history based on one phenomenon like a weathering profile," he said. "That is how pseudoscience is done, not real science."

Lehner and others argued with Schoch through an hour-long debate, through a news conference and then into a hallway confrontation where voices were raised and the words skated on the icy edge of scientific politeness.

The major fact disputing Schoch's conclusion, Lehner said, is the absence of any evidence that a civilization ad-

vanced enough to carve the Great Sphinx existed in Egypt from 7000 to 5000 B.C.

"If the Sphinx was built by an earlier culture, where is the evidence of that civilization?" Lehner asked. "Where are the pottery shards? People during that age were hunters and gatherers. They didn't build cities."

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE,  
Little Rock, AR  
Feb. 9, 1992



DIARY

# Swiss searcher seeks shaggy sasquatches

**A** GOOD STORY did not get into this newspaper last week, apparently squeezed out by all the important stuff on the constitution, the rape trial of Mike Tyson and the sex life of this guy who wants to be president of the United States.

It was right there on the Reuter wire and when has Reuter ever lied to us?

"Two abominable snowmen have been seen breaking into a military builders' barracks in a northern Russian town," Moscow radio said today. "About 30 people watched as the snowmen entered the barracks in the town of Kargupol," it said.

"One was seven feet tall and the second was probably a young one, approximately three feet tall," the radio said. "Tufts of fur were later discovered on the barbed wire protecting the unit's perimeter."

Clearly, this was a case for comment from Rene Dahinden, the Lower Mainland's — probably the world's — most sane and sensible analyst of information regarding abominable snowmen, yeti and what we in British Columbia know as sasquatches.

Dahinden was 23 years old in Switzerland 38 years ago when he read a story in a Swiss newspaper much like the one on the Reuter wire. He read about a sasquatch



DOUGLAS SAGI

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RENE DAHINDEN

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seen in that faraway place, B.C. He had to come over to learn more about them. He's been here, looking for sasquatches and otherwise enjoying himself, since.

Dahinden figures the Kargupol snowmen were a different species from the abominable snowmen, or yeti, of the Himalayas. Dahinden visited Russia 20 years ago on

one of his explorations. He says a Russian army officer claimed to have captured a snowman that resembled a neanderthal human.

There have been several sightings of these creatures and they appear much different from the larger, hairier, yeti and sasquatch.

Dahinden says he noticed many similarities in the accounts he heard from Russian and North American yeti-sasquatch spotters.

"They are no better over there than here," he said. "They are also story tellers."

Dahinden makes his living mining shot. He trundles about the fields of the Vancouver Gun Club gathering up spent shot from shotguns. He washes it and sells it back to the shooters for reloading. What is too worn for reloading, he sells for fishing line weights.

Dahinden still goes out every year in most seasons looking for sasquatches or what the Yanks call bigfoot, in B.C., Washington and California. This year is the 25th anniversary of the appearance of the famous film of a running, large, hairy anthropoid-appearing creature. The film has been examined by many experts, including Dahinden, who have failed to debunk it.

"I came back more confused than when I left," says Dahinden of his trip to see the film.

He does not know if the creatures he has looked for on two sides of the earth are real or imaginary. He is not going to stop looking.

"It is better than sitting around in the beer parlor," he said. "And I get to see a lot of beautiful country."

DAILY OKLAHOMAN, Oklahoma City, OK  
Jan. 31, 1992 CR: J. Waller

## Cattle Died Naturally, Tests Show

By Michael McNutt  
Enid Bureau

**KINGFISHER** — Natural causes, rather than the work of satanic cult members, killed three cattle found in Kingfisher County, authorities said Thursday.

The lack of blood and the taking of certain body parts from each of the dead cows had raised speculation that the animals were killed by devil worshippers.

Kingfisher County Sheriff Danny Graham said it appears the cattle died from natural causes, based on tests conducted on tissue samples from one of the animals by Oklahoma State University's veterinary medicine pathology laboratory.

Tests showed no barbiturates or tranquilizers in the cow's tissue and deputies found no evidence at the scene that the cow was shot, Graham said.

"It just died," Graham said.

"There's no physical evidence to establish satanic ritual activity based on the results of the medical examination," he said.

Although only parts of one cow were tested, the conditions of the other two cattle were similar, leading officers to believe all three died of natural causes, he said.

The dead cattle were found after a satanic holiday earlier this month and after Grant County Sheriff Archie Yearick said he suspected satanic cult members were behind the deaths of five cattle found in the northeast part of his county since August.

The three cattle were reported to Kingfisher County authorities the day after *The Oklahoman* reported on Yearick's suspicions. At the same time,

three dead cattle were reported to Garfield County and Enid authorities.

Garfield County deputies still are investigating the cattle deaths, undersheriff Ray Pickle said.

Pickle said he is skeptical the cattle deaths in his county are connected with satanic activity.

One dead cow was found in Kingfisher and two were found in the Loyal and Omega areas.

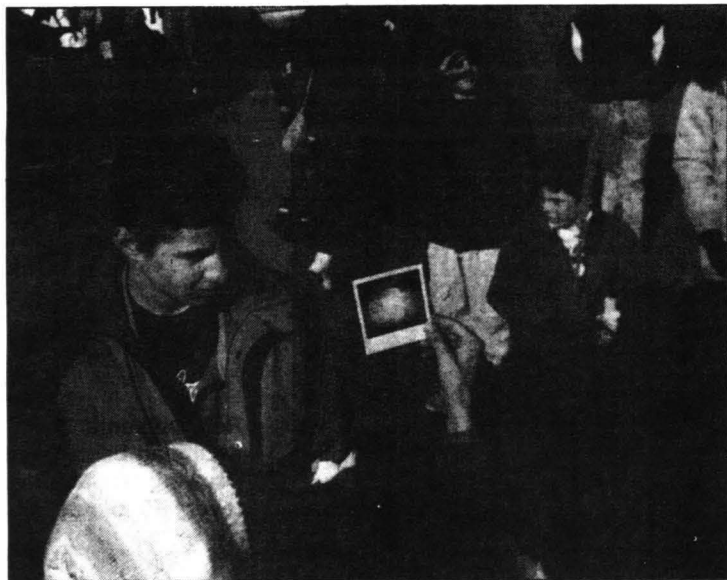
Because there was no evidence of any of the cattle being shot, authorities suspected they could have been killed with dart guns loaded with powerful muscle relaxers, a common practice of satanic worshippers.

The loss of blood and the taking of certain body parts, such as an eye, ear, tongue, lips, stomach and sexual organs, also added to speculation that satanic cult members could have been involved. Authorities said all of those parts are needed in various satanic rituals.

However, Graham said predators likely ate those body parts. A cow's hide is thick, and birds and small animals go after the most vulnerable and accessible body parts, he said.

"A bird can surgically remove an eye," Graham said. "The cuts could have been caused by birds and or other types of animals."

POST, Denver, CO - Dec. 9, 1991 CR: C. Carpenter



The Denver Post / Peter Fredin

**SEEING IS BELIEVING?** Shrine visitors hold a photograph they say shows the doorway to heaven. Others were skeptical, saying the photograph is nothing more than reflective sunlight images, or 'lens flare.'

## Woman reports seeing Mary again

By Virginia Culver  
Denver Post Religion Writer

Thousands of the faithful got what they hoped and prayed for yesterday at Mother Cabrini Shrine — a report that the Virgin Mary appeared again and spoke to a 31-year-old mother of three.

Some cried and others tried to touch or photograph Theresa Lopez, the woman who claims to have seen the Virgin Mary 11 times, including yesterday.

Lopez and her entourage moved around the shrine for almost eight hours, during which almost 6,000 people flooded the site. Some arrived near the gate at 9:30 Saturday night. The bustle was unheard of at the normally peaceful 900-acre shrine, built in honor of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, who cared for orphans in Denver in the early 1900s.

The visitors hoped for a vision, or to hear that someone else had a vision. They came with thermoses, sacks of food, babies in strollers and backpacks.

"We came to pray," said one woman, "but if Mary appears it's a bonus."

Said another, "It's nice to see this many people get up so early for something reli-

gious, even if she (Lopez) is a nut."

Two officials of the Denver Catholic Archdiocese, Vicar General Raymond Jones and the Rev. Edward Buelt, secretary to Denver Archbishop J. Francis Stafford, were there "to observe." They met with Lopez at her request late in the day.

Lopez, who lives in Douglas County, said they "didn't support the phenomena" but "did support my spirituality." The church has officially endorsed only a handful of Mary apparitions in history, though hundreds have been reported.

Yesterday's crowd was the largest ever at the 44-year-old shrine. The pilgrims came because Lopez said that Mary told her to gather "my angels" there on her feast day, Dec. 8, which commemorates Mary's immaculate conception.

Most believed what Lopez said happened. "Absolutely, I believe," said Sister Mary Borgia, dressed in a long black and blue habit. "I wouldn't be in this outfit if I didn't."

But neither the shrine nor the Denver archdiocese has endorsed the reported apparitions. Such endorsements come only after exhaustive investigations, church officials have said.

The seven shrine nuns and their 65 volunteers worked yesterday to keep the crowds moving and the building exits open.

Fearing chaos, Sister Ignatius Miceli

said, "I prayed to the Sacred Heart (Jesus) last night and said, 'You and your mother take care of it. The ball's in your hands.'"

Lopez, who has said Mary has appeared to her three times at the shrine and eight other times — in churches and her living room — said Mary appeared yesterday at the same spot she had Oct. 13 and Nov. 12. The spot is down a slope from the imposing 22-foot white statue of Jesus that stands like a sentinel overlooking Interstate 70 some 20 miles west of Denver.

Lopez and her husband, Jeff, were constantly surrounded by six men and women who shielded them from the crowds. A threat on her life had been phoned into the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department last week.

Lopez, who describes herself as a devout Catholic, said Mary's message to "my children" was to "plead" with them to pray for families around world to renew their baptismal vows, and to begin a novena on the next feast day. That comes tomorrow, when the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated.

Lopez said Mary was dressed in a gold gown covered with pink twinkling lights, looking the same as she had looked Saturday when Lopez reportedly saw her after a mass at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Englewood. She said Mary is beautiful, radiant, smiling, slender, has dark hair and "very blue eyes that draw you to her heart."

Saturday, Mary was accompanied by two angels, one fair and one Hispanic, who hovered over believers "like hummingbirds," Lopez reported.

As in previous reports, Lopez said that before Mary appears, she hears something like chimes and then an oval light appears. Mary appears and talks to her and when the few-minute message is over, the light engulfs her and "she is taken away."

The Lopezes arrived about 7 a.m. for the 7:30 mass, which was broadcast outside because the 200-seat chapel was packed to the walls. Servers took communion to those outside.

After the mass, during which no mention was made of the reported apparitions, Lopez and her group went to a grotto down the hill, where they threw rosaries to the crowd.

The Lopez group then climbed the 373 steps to the top of the shrine, where the statue is located. There, Theresa knelt in the snow as hundreds watched. Soon she wrote the message that she later said came from Mary.

Lopez went back down, prayed in a private chapel and then led an hour-long outdoor prayer service, called "the hour of grace," which she said Mary wanted. More people began to follow the Lopezes, saying, "There she is."

Meanwhile, Lucy Garcia, a reported healer, prayed with and anointed the sick.

Lopez then went to a car with friends, who put their coats over the windows to avoid the curious onlookers.

Returning to the grotto, she said, "I'm overwhelmed. I just want to do what Our Lady and God want me to do. I'm only a channel. It's not my desire to make you believe me. If God touches your heart..."

Someone gave her a long-stemmed red rose and she decided to take it to "Our Lady," so the growing entourage climbed the steps again and prayed for 30 minutes as hundreds crowded around in deep snow. Flowers, mass cards, rosaries and notes have been placed on the bush near the spot where Lopez said Mary appears.

After meeting with archdiocesan officials, the Lopezes left.

Wary nuns of Cabrini's order, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, were glad the day was over and relieved the crowd was orderly.

Said one volunteer, "Maybe we could get Theresa to come to our bingo games so we could get better crowds."

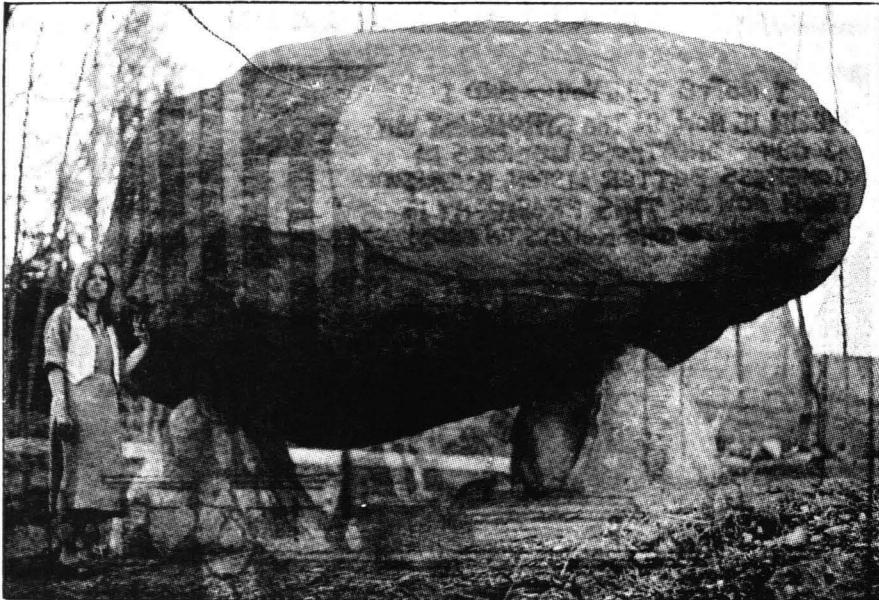


Photo courtesy of Sal Trento

A balanced rock in North Salem, N.Y. Sal Trento will discuss this and other phenomena.

# MYSTERY

By Rebecca Jones  
Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

**C**oloradans with a bent toward the mysterious and unexplained have a full platter of puzzling phenomena to ponder in the next few weeks.

Whether it's flying saucers or crop circles or visions of Atlantis that tickle your fancy, experts in all three areas will be offering lectures or classes designed to enlighten and bedevil.

Here's a sampling of what adventurous folks — skeptics and believers alike — can anticipate.



Steve Groer/Rocky Mountain News

Sal Trento emerges from a cave during a dig in New England.

*America*, which details his excavation of strange stone ruins around the world.

Trento is teaching several classes on the topic for Colorado Free University this winter.

He's been fascinated by the subject ever since he learned about some peculiar stone structures in the woods of New England. These stone caverns were elaborately constructed and usually face key solar alignments. Their purpose remains a mystery. But they're strikingly similar to other such structures found elsewhere in the world.

Which leaves researchers to ponder four possibilities, each with startling implications:

Either the different peoples on different sides of the globe developed these structures independently at about the same time in history; or someone from

## Strange stone ruins

**C**onsider: Some of the primitive stone tools unearthed from 6,000-year-old archeological sites in New England identically match stone tools from the same era found in Great Britain. How can this be?

Consider: Just offshore of Bimini, a tiny island about 50 miles from Miami, a series of ancient huge stone blocks runs in a path about 15 feet wide and 1,200 feet long. The blocks are of pink granite, and the nearest pink granite is in Costa Rica. How did they get there?

Consider: Scientists estimate that about a half-million tons of copper were mined from northern Michigan between 2,000 and 3,000 years ago. Yet, put together all the copper baubles and bangles unearthed in this country and they weigh no more than 200 pounds. Where did it all go?

"What I think is, something happened a very long, long time ago that we're just now beginning to understand and recognize," said Sal Trento, archeologist and author of *The Search for Lost*

### IF YOU GO

**What:** Strange Stone Ruins

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; or three Sundays, beginning March 22, 6-8 p.m.

**Where:** Colorado Free University, 1510 York St.

**Cost:** \$29 tuition, optional \$9 materials fee

**Information:** 399-0093

Great Britain sailed to New England and taught the Indians how to build them; or an American Indian sailed to Great Britain and taught the people *there* how to build them; or someone from somewhere else sailed both places and taught both cultures how to build them.

Trento's class will highlight these puzzles and explore hypotheses.

ADORNED, ADORED: Statue at Cabrini Shrine is decorated.



# Visionary 'overwhelmed' by sightings

By Virginia Culver  
and Peter Sleeth  
Denver Post Staff Writers

Theresa Lopez describes herself as a very "devout person" who was dumbfounded by her visions of the Virgin Mary.

The Oklahoma native, who lives in Douglas County with her husband and three sons, said she is "overwhelmed that a nobody like me" would be chosen to see Mary.

## Visions draw family closer

But she believes she did, and the messages are for the world to hear.

Lopez, who formerly managed a Wendy's restaurant, attends at least two churches in Englewood and leads fund-raising drives for Croatian relief.

The family's condo is filled with statues of Mary and pictures of Mary and Jesus. A small shrine in the basement features religious pictures and the Bible.

The visions have brought the family closer 'because we all try to take care of each other now.'

Matthew Lopez, Theresa's son

Lopez said she and her husband have "dedicated our family" to God since the visions. She often speaks to groups of Catholic Marian, who are devoted to Mary and follow closely the reported apparitions of her.

Son Matthew, 15, said the visions have brought the family closer "because we all try to take care of each other now. We used to go our separate ways."

Husband Jeff, who was reared a Catholic but was a charismatic Protestant for some time before meeting Theresa, came back to the church after she reported the apparitions.

Lopez said she has seen Mary eight times over the past 1½ years — twice at the Mother Cabrini Shrine, once in her living room and other times at church rosary services.

The visions began a few months after she and Jeff lost their 7-week-old daughter, she said, and she also has heard about 300 messages from Mary.

She gave this account of the November sighting: After experiencing a "feeling of being called," she walked to a bush near the statue of Jesus, and Mary appeared out of a bright oval light, wearing a pink gown and veil and sparkling

crowns. She had deep blue eyes.

A gold rosary draped over her arm reached to the ground.

After giving a message about peace, Mary came toward Lopez, arms outstretched, and kissed her on the forehead.

Lopez has declined to return all telephone calls since her initial interview with *The Post*. Her husband said she needs to keep out of the spotlight because the visions "are very serious."

## Lopez aids relief fund

Lopez distributes a periodic newsletter, "Our Lady's Angels," to solicit clothing, food and money for the Croatian Franciscan Emergency Relief Fund and cash for the newsletter itself.

The fund, for Croatian refugees in Yugoslavia, is funneled through a Catholic parish in New York, said Mary McCullough of the Colorado MRC Center in Colorado Springs.

# Blooms blackened

FLOWERS thrive on a diet of Beethoven — but when heavy metal pounds at their petals they wither and die.

That's the finding of a team of Moscow scientists who have measured the musical tastes of a variety of blooms, ranging from common daisies to a strain of bluebells.

The researchers discovered that: ● Flowers exposed for several weeks to Beethoven, Bach and Tchaikovsky grow toward the loudspeakers.

● Blossoms beguiled by Benny Goodman and other old jazz mas-

ters leaned forward only slightly. ● Floral climbers liked sitar music so much that, as the weeks passed, they twined themselves lovingly around the audio equipment.

● Country music produced no movement.

● Flowers shrank away from operatic sopranos.

● But heavy metal left petals in poorest fettle. The music took mere days to bruise and blacken most blooms.

"This prompts us to wonder what effect this form of music has on humans," the researchers' report concludes.