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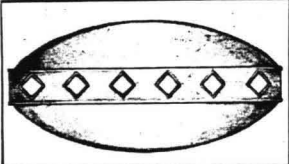
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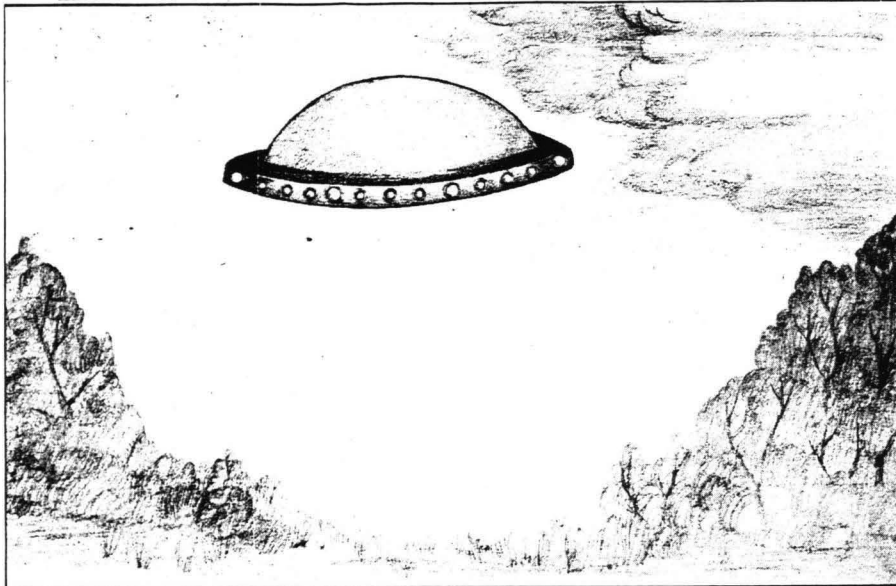
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'You read about it, you see pictures and think that's not possible, it can't be. It's unlike anything you've ever been through. . . '

—Terry Townsend on a recent UFO sighting



Terry Townsend of Princeton described this scene witnessed on his way home from work

Sept. 16. He describes in detail what he saw in a letter to the editor this week on page 4.

More UFO sightings reported

by Joni Astrup
Staff writer

Several more reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have surfaced since a woman told police that she spotted a UFO in her Elk River neighborhood earlier this month.

In all, four individuals have reported seeing UFOs in the Elk River area in mid-September. Here's a rundown of what they saw and when:

•Sunday, Sept. 13: A man who lives near Albertville looked out his patio door about 10:30 p.m. and saw a reflection of light on his neighbor's window. When he walked out into his yard to investigate, he spotted an object about 100 yards away and 50 yards above the ground.

He said it was 5 to 6 feet across,

Four people say they saw flying objects in Elk River area

1 to 2 feet thick and tapered on each end like a saucer.

The object had several diamond-shaped windows or lights in a row around the middle. An unusual yellow-blue light shone from the diamonds.

The top and bottom of the object were stationary, but the center was spinning counterclockwise, he said. While the diamonds were located in the spinning region, they remained in place.

The man said he watched the object for about 20 seconds "and then suddenly the lights went out and it was gone."

He said the object was silent.

•Wednesday, Sept. 16: Terry Townsend of Princeton, who works with the man from Albertville, said he encountered a UFO after midnight as he was driving through northeastern Elk River on his way home from work as an industrial mechanic in the Twin Cities.

Townsend describes in detail what he saw in a letter to the editor on page 4.

He said the dark grey object was the size of a large passenger jet and was ringed with white, red and green lights. The round, white lights could have been

portholes, he said.

Shining from the portholes "was a pure white light like you've never seen before." Each white light wasn't one beam like a spotlight, but was made up of about a dozen smaller beams similar to light coming through a prism.

The light only extended about two feet beyond the edge of the object, he said. 400 feet off the road. Townsend said he was startled but not afraid when he came around a bend in the road and saw it.

"You read about it, you see pictures and think that's not possible, it can't be," he said. "It's unlike anything you've ever been through. You don't fully

understand it until you experience it."

He said he doesn't feel the objects are anything to fear.

•Thursday, Sept. 17: As described in last week's Star News, an Elk River woman reported seeing strange lights about 4:45 a.m. after getting up to go to the bathroom. The three huge lights were hovering about six feet off the ground in her neighbor's back yard. When she moved to another window for a better look, the lights had moved and she saw a large beam of light shining on the street.

"The beam of light was there and then it was gone," she said. "That's when I thought I must have witnessed a UFO."

She reported the incident to police.

•Friday, Sept. 18: A cab driver traveling through Elk River about 8 p.m. told police he saw an object in the air near the intersection of Baugh Street and County Road 12 east of Elk River.

The man, who declined to be named, said the passenger in his car also saw the object and kept an eye on it as they drove west into Elk River.

He described it as fairly large and traveling close to the ground — too close to be a passenger jet. The object was quite far off in the distance and moving slowly in a northwesterly direction.

The man said they were unable to make out its shape, but a row of at least 10 porthole-type lights were visible. It appeared light was streaming through the portholes, he said.

"It was amazing," he added. "I just can't imagine what it was."

The sightings have attracted the attention of an organization called the Mutual UFO Network Inc.

Gary Thrash, a member of the group in the Twin Cities, said they like to go out and talk to the people who report UFOs and see where the objects were spotted. soil samples and have them analyzed.

The Mutual UFO Network Inc. is a non-profit research organization with about 4,000 members worldwide.

Thrash said people have reported seeing UFOs of a variety of shapes ranging from diamond, saucer and wing shaped to square, V and cigar shaped.

People commonly hear a low humming noise from the object if it is very low or the person is directly under it. Otherwise, he said the objects are generally silent.

Elk River woman reports late-night UFO sighting

by Joni Astrup
Staff writer

What started as a routine trip to the bathroom in the middle of the night turned into a nightmarish ordeal for a western Elk River woman, who swears she saw a UFO hovering near her home last week.

The woman, who asked to remain anonymous, said she saw three huge lights hovering about six feet off the ground in her neighbor's fenced back yard. Within seconds, the lights were gone.

Two of the lights were round — about two feet in diameter — and spaced 10 to 13 feet apart. A third light was located higher than the other two.

The incident happened about 4:45 a.m. Thursday in a wooded subdivision in Elk River.

After first seeing the lights out the kitchen window, the woman moved to the patio door for a

better look. When she looked out, the lights had moved and she saw a large beam of light shining on the street.

"The beam of light was there and then it was gone," said the woman, who works as a nurse. "That's when I thought I must have witnessed a UFO."

She said the whole incident was over in 15 seconds but it left her shaking for hours.

"It's a very awesome thing to witness this. Actually I wish I never would have, because it gave me a very eerie feeling," she said.

"I don't drink. I don't do drugs. I don't smoke. I just have no explanation for it but it's a very, very frightening sight."

She reported the incident to Elk River Police because she said she was concerned for her family.

She said it's particularly eerie because her 13-year-old son had

reported seeing a UFO three nights earlier. She dismissed it at the time, thinking it couldn't be possible.

He also reported seeing three lights, but saw a beaming red center light as well. The object he observed was in the same location but much higher up in the sky. While he watched, it stopped momentarily before zooming off until it was a speck in the distance.

She said what struck her about the object she saw was it was totally silent. And when she went out the next morning to investigate the area, she found nothing.

"When other people hear this they think you stepped out and lost touch with reality," she said.

"I was fully awake. I believe what I saw but I can't believe what I saw. . . I have no explanation for this."

Her husband, who was at work when it happened, is also baffled and not quite sure what to believe.

He, too, said his wife is sane and doesn't smoke, drink or do

drugs.

"I just wish my wife drank because if she did, then I'd let it go in one ear and out the other," he said. " . . . I just can't understand it, to tell the truth."

It's not the first time Elk River Police have taken reports of UFOs. "We usually get one or so a year," Police Chief Tom Zerwas said.

The last one he remembers was a few years ago, when a father and son reported seeing a UFO as they drove east along Highway 10 near Broadway Bar and Pizza early one winter evening.

"They claimed this huge UFO, bigger than a Greyhound bus, flew up alongside them," Zerwas said.

They reported the object had round windows with light streaming through them that lit up the area. The object hovered along side them for a short time as they drove along, then took off and disappeared into the distance.

Zerwas talked to the two men, who were from the Twin Cities, when they stopped in the police

station to report the incident.

"They seemed like they were shocked when they came into the police station to report it," he said.

UFO conference in Austin expected to draw about 200

By Marty Sabota
Express-News Staff Writer

About 200 earthlings are expected to attend Saturday's Central Texas UFO Mini-Conference in Austin "to make people aware of what's going on; there are all sorts of strange things we're trying to figure out," a UFO investigator said.

The one-day conference is sponsored by the Austin chapter of the Mutual UFO Network Inc. — an international organization dedicated to the scientific study of unidentified flying objects, said Bobby MacPherson, an Austin-based UFO investigator.

Featured speakers include George Wingfield, a crop circle researcher from England; Karla Turner, who is researching alien abductions; and San Antonio Ed Conroy, author of "Report on Communion."

Conroy said the conference will present the findings of his two-year investigation of the best seller

"Communion," which was written by former San Antonioan Whitley Strieber.

"I did an in-depth, investigative report on whether he (Strieber) was constructing an elaborate fraud or telling the truth in his 1987 best seller, a first-person narrative of UFO abductions that took place during his childhood," Conroy said. "I came to the conclusion he was telling the truth."

Conroy also will speak about his personal dealings with things that cannot be easily explained, including "a number of extremely bizarre occurrences I had while writing my book."

Conroy said although "I don't think aliens from outer space exist, I do think there is a psychic phenomenon that has a psychic and material basis with profound psychological consequences for the people who have these experiences."

Wingfield, a former astronomer at the Royal

Greenwich Observatory, researches crop circles, which MacPherson described as strange formations worldwide in which plants bend over at a 90-degree angle and continue to grow as well as exhibit cellular change.

Turner, who has a doctorate in Anglo-Saxon Studies from the University of North Texas in Denton, has written a book about her and her family's experience with UFO abductions, titled "Into The Fringe."

Her time is devoted to abduction research in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana and Arkansas.

The conference is scheduled for Austin's Doubletree Hotel, 6505 N. Interstate 35, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$12 for Mutual UFO Network members.

The network, with 4,000 members, hopes through a concentrated study by dedicated investigators and researchers, the answer to the UFO enigma will be found.

MacPherson said they have members in every state and "almost every country."

To ensure only qualified, competent and sincere people may become involved, membership in the organization is by invitation only.

Making Friends with UFOs:

THE WOODLAND HILLS CONFERENCE

By Preston Dennett

On August 28 over a hundred people from all across Los Angeles gathered together to listen to a lecture about UFOs in Woodland Hills.

This was no ordinary lecture—in it Steven M. Greer, head of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CSETI), presented a bold concept: that of establishing a peaceful, diplomatic relationship with extraterrestrials.

As strange as it sounds, Greer is serious about his "mission" to make friends with the UFOs. In fact, Greer claims to have had a large number of remarkable successes. Not only that, he offers scientific proof!

The Lecture

Greer began the lecture at the Warner Center Hilton by explaining that CSETI is an "international nonprofit scientific research organization dedicated to the understanding of extraterrestrial intelligence."

He acknowledged that although UFOs are seen across the world, the great majority of UFO sightings are fleeting, unpredictable events. Witnesses rarely attempt any type of communication with the UFO. However, there is a small minority of UFO encounters in which people do attempt to communicate. It is these kinds of cases that interest Greer.

Greer recounted several of these types of cases where extensive communication has occurred between humans and UFOs—cases he calls, "Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind."

1959

The first case was that of Father Gill of Papua, New Guinea, who, along with 38 other witnesses in 1959 saw a metallic UFO hovering in the sky. The witnesses saw several small humanoid figures standing on a deck on the outside rim of the UFO. The witnesses waved at the humanoids, and the humanoids waved back. Various hand-signals were exchanged, until finally, Father Gill signaled Morse code at the UFO using a flashlight. At that point, the UFO moved towards the witnesses, and then left.

1967

The second case was that of Gary Storey of Newton, New Hampshire. On July 27, 1967, Storey saw a UFO through his telescope, and his brother-in-law flashed at it three times with a flashlight. The UFO stopped, came closer, and flashed back three times. The two men continued flashing the light in different sequences. The UFO matched the sequence each time. This communication went on for several minutes, at which point, the UFO flashed all its lights and left.



Writer Preston Dennett, Steven Greer of CSETI, Topangans and others gather in the hills above Chatsworth during August to test new UFO communications ideas. What happened? Read the story!

1978

A third case occurred on March 29, 1978 in Indianapolis, Indiana. A caravan of trucks were traveling along the highway when a UFO flashed a beam down on several of the trucks. After the beam left, one of the truckers called out on his CB, "Hey UFO, if you

have your ears on. I want to go with you!" Suddenly, the UFO came back, and the trucker was again engulfed in the UFO beam.

Greer recounted dozens of more cases where similar types of communication occurred. The ways of communication are surprisingly varied. Many people have communicated with UFOs using other methods than lights. Greer told of several cases where witnesses, who were watching a UFO, simply "wished" or "thought about" seeing the UFO a little longer, and the UFO would react to their thoughts!

San Diego

These types of cases have occurred across the world. At least two, Greer pointed out, occurred right here in Southern California. In 1978, in San Diego, over ten witnesses were operating a 22-watt green argon spectrophysics laser on top of what was then the

tallest building in San Diego. The laser was a promotional gimmick for a radio station and designed to attract attention. It did—in this case, the attention of a UFO. The witnesses observed a large V-shaped UFO hover low over the building, as if inspecting the laser, and then move slowly away. Seconds later, a smaller UFO whizzed by.

Another case occurred right here in Los Angeles in 1983 at the La Brea Tar Pits during an outdoor light show using powerful movie lights that were arranged in a disk-shape on the ground. When the lights were activated, three large UFOs appeared on the horizon, and moved closer, as if to investigate.

Anyone who doubts that UFO encounters like these do occur should know that the writer of this article was the principal investigator for the two above California cases.

How to Communicate

Using the above cases, and referring to others, Greer outlined a technique whereby people can communicate with UFOs.

- He calls the technique "the contact trilogy", because it allows for three methods of communication.

- The first way is using lights, which includes 1/2 million candlepower flashlights.

- The second way is using sounds, which includes tones and beeps recorded from an actual UFO.

- The third way is "coherent thought sequencing" which is essentially an attempt to communicate mentally with UFOs.

The purpose of CSETI, Greer is careful to point out, is not to gain knowledge of advanced technology or weapons. Rather the sole intent of CSETI is a "sustainable, reproducible relationship between humans and extraterrestrials."

Are UFOs Friendly?

CSETI operates under the assumption that UFOs are not hostile. When confronted with the evidence of seemingly horrifying UFO abduction accounts, Greer counters

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by saying that the true motive behind so-called UFO abductions remains unknown. He states that there is no conclusive evidence proving that UFOs are hostile, and cautions people against deifying or demonifying the extraterrestrials. People, he says, are often prejudiced against them. He states that the ETs are neither angels or demons, but just people from another planet.



Steven Greer of CSETI (Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence) leads the way where government fails to follow.

The Proof

Greer recounted the amazing successes of the CSETI working groups. In case after case, using CSETI methods, people all across the country have called down UFOs and communicated with them. He offered photographs, moving films, multiple witness accounts, as well as the actual recorded sounds of a UFO.

One amazing story began on March 14 this year in Pensacola, Florida when Greer and a CSETI working group called a UFO down out of the sky and communicated with it for over twenty minutes. The encounter was videotaped on several cameras, one of which Greer played for the stunned Woodland Hills audience. In plain view on the screen could be seen three UFOs hovering over the water, blinking and communicating with an excited group of people. The UFOs made no sound, and appeared to be structured, glowing, metallic disks.

The "Pensacola incidents" are in fact ongoing, with groups of curious people gathering along the shore each night covered by network television.

Greer told of another amazing recent success which he revealed publicly for the first time at the Woodland Hills conference.

From July 20 through July 30 this year, a CSETI group in England engaged in close-up communication with a metallic disk that hovered nearby. The group flashed its light at the metallic disk, which flashed back in perfect mimicry. The group was also able to predict the appearance and pattern of several crop circles in the area—a definite first in the UFO field.

Working Groups

Dr. Greer has organized over 400 working groups across the United States that regularly attempt to communicate with UFOs. According to him, these groups have had some measure of success at least fifty percent of the time.

The purpose of the Los Angeles lecture at the Warner Center Hilton was to form an L.A. working group. Those who were interested were invited to attend a day-long workshop Saturday, August 29 and a nighttime demonstration.

About thirty people showed up for the workshop. There were scientist, artists, therapists, writers, accountants, salesmen, doctors—your basic cross-section of human society.

Greer went into depth concerning CSETI protocols and society's attitude towards extraterrestrials. He explained what a CSETI working group is, and how it is expected to function. After the workshop was complete, Greer led the group in its first meditation designed towards establishing contact with UFOs.

Then, the workshop group made off in convoy to a previously undisclosed location where we would attempt a group contact with UFOs.

quick glance at it, and it was easy to tell that this was no plane, helicopter, satellite or shooting star. It was "plainly unidentified". After about five seconds, and twenty degrees of arc, it faded and disappeared.

The group hooted and hollered, and Greer informed everyone that these types of unexplained sightings are extremely common for CSETI working groups. Nobody in the group had been expecting such quick success, and many of the witnesses deemed it to be a profound and important event.

The group continued with the meditation, and afterwards, using CSETI's recorded UFO beeping tones and the powerful flashlights, continued to attempt contact.

At one point, Greer and a few other witnesses spied a mysterious amber light hovering over the western horizon. After a second or so it winked out. It was unaccountable.

At about 3:00 a.m., the group departed the site. And the first CSETI field trip was qualified a resounding success. It was with eager anticipation that group members waited for the next CSETI meeting.

Another Success

Last month an L.A. CSETI working group of twelve people, met in the home of a member to share their experiences. One



COMMUNICATIONS GROUP: Scientists, artists, writers, accountants, doctors and salesmen at the August UFO conference in Woodland Hills.

The L.A. Field Trip

At 8:00 p.m., on August 29, about twenty-five people gathered in an isolated area in the mountains above Chatsworth. Equipment included compasses, recorders, a video-camera, several still cameras and 2½ million candlelight-power flashlights.

No sooner had the group gathered in a circle to begin when something flared in the sky above. One person called out: "Look, there's a light!"

All heads turned upwards. Sure enough, a light could be clearly seen. At almost exactly the zenith, straight up, a light with an apparent size of about three or four stars put together was traveling across the constellation of Pegasus. It appeared to be extremely high up, and made no noise whatsoever. It was moving at about twice the speed of a satellite in a straight line, and heading south towards Topanga Canyon. It was easily four times as bright as any star in the sky. A

member reported that on his way home in the wake of the conference and while driving along the 405 freeway, a large blue-green light appeared in the sky, hovering over the Westwood area. The member stared at the light, but was unable to identify it.

Other members shared their feelings that the group was definitely making great strides towards its goal of establishing contact with UFOs.

After a while the group headed out to the site, and began visualizing a UFO contact taking place.

No sooner had the meditation begun when a powerful strobe of white light flashed over the group. Several opened their eyes and looked around. I personally thought someone was shining a flashlight in my face. One witness who had his eyes open said that the whole sky lit up. Seconds later, there was another bright flash, which again seemed to be localized around the group. One person

cried out, "Oh, what is that?" Another said, "Could that be lightning?"

A Cold Night

It was a cold night, almost perfectly clear. There were no planes or helicopters overhead.

The light flashed twice more, but nobody was able to identify it. Needless to say, the group was again impressed that something strange was going on.

After the meditation, the group again attempted to call UFOs down for several hours, with little visible success.

But while the group was departing the site, a light upon a nearby ridgetop began flashing at them. The group flashed back and communication ensued for twenty minutes with whomever or whatever was atop the ridge. Unfortunately, because the lights appeared to be ground-based, the CSETI group was unable to conclude that a genuine UFO encounter was taking place.

Intrigued, one of the members did some fieldwork, and attempted to get to the location atop the ridge. After a long search, he found that the area was indeed accessible by dirt road, concluding that campers or other humans could have been flashing the lights.

But even if the last communication was between humans, there were still the earlier unexplainable flashes of light. The group again felt that some progress had been made.

Another meeting has been scheduled for the future. The CSETI group members are expecting something to happen.

The Future of CSETI

It is the eventual goal of every CSETI group to make contact with a UFO, to go aboard the extraterrestrial craft, and to establish diplomatic, peaceful relations between humans and its crew. Greer estimates that this objective will be reached within a decade. He is confident that—if successes continue at the present rate—the goals of CSETI could be reached much sooner, in as little as five years!

Once success is achieved, CSETI has already made plans and agreements to broadcast the event worldwide on CNN and other news stations.

CSETI has struggled very hard to remain a legitimate scientific research organization. Because of this, CSETI has compiled a startling and compelling array of evidence. This evidence includes eyewitness testimony from hundreds of trained investigators, videotape, audiotape, photographs, and landing traces.

For the first time, a repeatable scientific method has been formulated and is being used to study and interact with UFOs. No longer are UFOs in the realm of magic. CSETI, using scientific methods, is having unparalleled success communicating with UFOs. According to many prominent UFO researchers, the future of UFO research lies with CSETI. ■

Canyon writer Preston Dennett is open to calls from Topanga area residents with UFO encounter observations. 818/348-3892. CSETI can be reached at: CSETI, P.O. Box 15401, Asheville, NC 28813.

Reports Describe Same UFO Same Maneuver In Florida, Mississippi

by Bland Pugh

What you are about to read is an actual account of a UFO sighting that is an addendum to the report I wrote about on Sept. 18. That sighting was about a local woman, June Doe, that had a daylight sighting of a craft in her backyard as she pulled into her drive way. The September article read partially as follows:

On Friday evening, around 6:30, Miss June (this individual's name is being withheld at her request, as well as that of her family) was arriving home, as she pulled into her driveway, she happened to look above her house, what appeared to be a circular craft, seemed to rise very rapidly from behind her home. As the UFO rose it seemed to rotate over onto its back and level off, it was becoming obscured by tree limbs prior to disappearing. The object literally popped out of sight. This sighting lasted only seconds, however, it will remain with Miss June for quite sometime. You see this is not the first sighting this lady has had from almost the same identical location, the only

difference is six years.

Sighting Report Of Remarkable Similarity:

On November 5, I was informed by "John" that he had received a call from a friend (Joe) in Mississippi, detailing a UFO sighting that a local farmer reported to Joe. Joe didn't know of "June's" sighting. The following is a description of that sighting, as reported to "John" by a friend.

In Franklin County Miss., in the early morning hours a farmer looking from his back porch observed something reflecting light across a field, it appeared to be a silver craft that remained in that spot for a minute or so, then it just rolled up on its side, and then went straight up through a growth of Sweet Gum trees, parting the bows as it climbed. He said at that point it appeared to turn upside down. When asked how the object disappeared the man said he couldn't tell if it went directly opposite and away from him or if it just faded away.

Magnetic Locator

"John" knew that Joe had a "magnetic locator" exactly like his, as Joe is in the same business. "John" asked him if he would take the locator and (4) four compasses into the area to see if there was any magnetic residual. All four compasses were placed in a grid, about two feet apart, they all pointed to magnetic north, however, the locator reacted exactly as "John's" had, the magnetic field was in the trees. The readings seemed to be the same as those we took at "John's" home during the investigation in Gulf Breeze, it appears as if this magnetic cloud or vortex is in the upper branches of the trees. In this case (Miss.) these were full grown Sweet Gum trees as large, if not larger than the pines of the Gulf Breeze sighting. This sighting took place on a Wednesday morning, Joe was unable to get to the area until Friday, I talked to "John" on the following Tuesday and there were still readings the day before, thus indicating a strong magnetic field. Joe was able to obtain a 2 1/2 inch branch from 21 feet up in the tree, the bark had been skinned off of the branch, and it had been broken, as a green branch would do, there were small holes in the bark and the limb itself. These holes were smooth, not rough or splintered as if a shotgun pellet or bullet were responsible, and 1/4 inch deep. Joe used a cotton swab

to check for traces of lead to no avail, he did this on a couple of the holes only. This branch was sent to Lab at LSU for analysis, the request was for anything unusual. A Geiger counter was obtained through the local Civil Defense, new batteries were installed in it as well as the magnetic locator at the time of use. The Geiger counter showed no radio active disturbance.

Closing Remarks On The Mississippi Case:

After working with "John" and knowing him for quite some time, I feel that his bringing this forward was only to help document the evidence, and to present more facts. As he and his wife still want anonymity, I have complete confidence in the authenticity of his report, and I would personally like to thank him for his efforts, and his awareness of the importance of this investigation.

This is exactly how this sighting happened, the details are almost identical to the September sighting of June Doe, the only difference is that we did not have any damage to the trees.

I don't have any local reports for this week, however, there had been a lot of wishful thinking, in that this is the anniversary of the first Ed Walters sighting on Nov. 11, 1987. Remember the Hotline, and keep looking up and behind you.

Scenic Highway Residents See Saucer Shaped UFO

by Bland Pugh

There have been several sightings reported from the Pensacola area and one from Gulf Breeze. The ones from Pensacola took place in the Scenic Hwy. area. For anonymity of the witness, I will only say that it was in the northern portion of that road, just south of I-10. The first sighting took place on Oct. 1. A young lady, accompanied by two other witnesses, observed a yellowish orange ball that appeared to be between 20 to 30 ft. in diameter. This object was out over the water of Pensacola Bay, it seemed to be moving to the south. Later that evening, the young lady and a friend, who lives in the same area as the original sighting was walking outside of her home, when she observed what appeared to be a large airplane with all of its usual lights. As this plane passed overhead they saw a small pinpoint of light traveling beside the airliner, while watching, the small object seemed to dart around the larger one, zig zagging all around the plane.

On Oct. 9, early in the evening, around dusk, the mother of the first witness was walking around her apartment complex, looking north, she saw what she thought were lights or windows that she described as a circle, there was a red light on top of them. However, she said she could not see structure, but she did say that the shape of the lights indicated it was in the shape of a saucer, and that it had some type dome.

On Oct. 28, I was at Shoreline Park with another skywatcher when a fisherman drove up and gave me the following report. He and a friend of his were putting their boat in the water about 4:30 a.m. on Monday, of that week. While doing so, he happened to look out into the Sound towards the Bob Sikes Bridge. There and moving very rapidly towards the west was a large reddish orange ball of light. This light traveled down the Sound until it disappeared from sight. The fisherman heard absolutely no sound and didn't see any bouncing that would have been associated with a fast moving small boat. After the object had vanished, the fisherman and his partner waited to see if there would be any waves washing ashore, but none were to come. The speed of the light was estimated at about 60 M.P.H. or faster.

New Yorker Beamed Up

There has just been a case reported in the MUFON Journal that I feel might be of interest to many readers. Those of you who saw the "Intruders" TV mini-series will remember the book "Intruders" was written by Budd Hopkins. Both dealt with an "abduction case," namely that of Cathy Davis (Debbie Tomey in real life). Budd has now investigated yet another case of even more bizarre circumstances. I realize this is not a local sighting. However, the significance of this case will be self-explanatory. The following is a brief summary of the "Linda Cortile" abduction case, and as this is still an on going investigation, as you will see, all of the details have yet to be brought forward. This case was revealed by Budd Hopkins at the 1992 MUFON Symposium, held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Hopkins spoke on what may turn out to be the most astonishing UFO abduction case of the century. One involving multiple independent witnesses to the actual abduction, a missing, although X-rayed, implant and a major political figure. Linda Cortile, an attractive brunette in her mid 30's said her experiences "were as real as a city bus or taxi." In the early morning hours of November

30, 1989, Linda was abducted from her 12th-floor bedroom in Manhattan, quite near the Brooklyn Bridge. After being floated through her apartment wall or window in the company of three alien beings and then lifted along a beam of light and into a hovering UFO.

In a stalled car two blocks away were two men who originally identified themselves as New York City detectives. Both say they saw a woman, dressed in a white night gown, emerge from the top floor of a high-rise apartment building in a fetal position, accompanied by "three of the ugliest creatures we had ever seen." The four were then "beamed" aboard the waiting UFO. Subsequent information uncovered by Hopkins indicates that the two were actually in the employment of a higher government security agency, and that a political figure, who they were in the process of transporting to the United Nations helicopter pad, was in the back seat of the car and also witnessed the abduction.

Another independently reported witness has also come forward, a woman who was driving on the

Brooklyn Bridge at the same time. Her car had stalled, too, as had others on the bridge. And she also said she saw a woman float out through the wall of a building, along with three small beings, all of whom were then floated into a UFO. She made a drawing of what she saw, as did one of the two "detectives," slides of which Hopkins showed during his speech. He is now in the process of trying to locate the other stalled motorists (and potential witnesses) who were on the bridge at the same time.

The case also involves a nasal implant, captured on X-ray and apparently removed the day or so after. If it continues to hold up under scrutiny - and especially if the political figure can be induced to come forward and corroborate events - then this could indeed be the "case of the century."

More details of this case have subsequently appeared in the Sept. '92 MUFON Journal detailing the statements of the two "detectives," and the other stalled motorists on the bridge. Hopkins makes this final statement in this article... "The importance of the Linda Cortile case can hardly be exaggerated. It established the physical reality of the UFO abduction experience, and, as a full discussion of the case will finally reveal, the deceptive behavior of the UFO occupants at the highest levels. Publicly, this case will be severely attacked by the professional debunkers who will see it for what is - the strongest evidence yet for the reality of UFOs, their occupants, and their program of systematic abduction of human beings. This they cannot tolerate. And if rumors are true and there are officially sanctioned intelligence agents within the various UFO investigative networks, these people will also be mobilized to subvert the case from the inside, even before its full dimensions are made known to the public at large. The stakes are that high."

MUFON Hosts Haley

Don't forget the MUFON meeting on Sunday, November 8, it will be held at the Gulf Breeze Recreation Center Auditorium at 3:00 p.m. Leah Haley will be the guest speaker, Leah will speak of her own personal abduction experiences and possible military involvement during them.

Don't forget the Hotline number 438-3261. Keep looking up, and behind you.

'Going beyond nuts and bolts' of normal UFOs

Angela Hill
PENINSULA TIMES TRIBUNE

Carrying his model flying saucer in a Tupperware container at Saturday's UFO Symposium in San Jose, one UFO researcher felt a little out of place. He'd wanted to talk about recent sightings and show off his polished aluminum replica, but the craft didn't draw the attention it usually does.

That's because this was not the usual gathering of researchers and investigators showing the latest hard evidence of sightings and crop circles, studying case histories and calculating possible propulsion systems.

Rather, the fewer than 40 people at the Le Baron Hotel were mostly psychics and parapsychologists, more interested in the spiritual evidence of extraterrestrials and the mental message other beings are trying to convey to humans.

"We're going beyond the nuts and bolts of physical sightings," said Sarah Rainey, a psychic from Sonoma. "We know they're there. We're more interested in what the meaning of all these events is - what's the spiritual impact," she said.

The symposium was sponsored by Epona Ulster Pro-

ductions, an educational organization founded on the belief that human beings will become united "as the truth regarding higher intelligence and higher powers is revealed."

Even though differing views of extraterrestrials were expressed Saturday - some say they're angels, some say they're dimensional shifts or spiritual energy fields without actual form - all seemed to agree on this idea of a "higher truth."

"They're coming to us with a message," said one audience member, "and the message is usually, 'Now is the time.' We take this to mean now is the time to work toward social reform, healing Mother Earth or helping in society in some way."

One of the speakers Saturday was Marv Taylor, a former investigator and state director for MUFON, the national Mutual UFO Network. Taylor is currently the center director for the UFO Data Research and Intelligence Center in Modesto.

Until recently, Taylor had been a hard-evidence researcher, following UFO sightings and logging details. But now, Taylor said he's devoting his life to something else.

"I've just realized what these people have known all along, that there is a spiritual side to this," he said. "I've done all the investigating I need to do. Now

it's time to talk about why they're here."

Taylor said he was abducted by extraterrestrials in 1948 when he was 11 years old and again recently near Sonoma. Since his first experience, he has dedicated his energy to the study of UFOs and has endured much ridicule. He even left MUFON in the 1970s because many officials wouldn't accept his interest in the spiritual aspect of UFOs, he said.

"I feel now I have an obligation to help people who have been through what I have, help them to deal with the emotions," he said.

Menlo Park's Don Long is a current investigator for MUFON who runs local MUFON meetings on the Peninsula and researches local sightings. He did not attend Saturday's meeting, not only because admission was \$75, but also because of its spiritual level of study.

"This goes more to the emotional side of feelings and experiences, while professional scientists and researchers focus on hard evidence, case histories and facts. This is more like going from fact to fancy," he said.

But audience member George Kruse, a professional photographer from San Francisco who said he also has had several UFO contacts, said the "fancy" is really what's real.

"I really resonate with these people," he said. "There's a strong spiritual UFO link. It's not just the shapes and sizes of crafts. It's a spiritual energy. A message system."

MESSENGER, Cairo, GA - Nov. 18, 1992 CR: E. Komarek

South Grady Citizen Spots Another UFO

Observed Unusual Light Five Minutes

Another UFO has been sighted over Grady County, according to a report submitted this week by Ed Komarek, area field agent for MUFON, the international organization which collects data and compiles information on unidentified flying objects.

This latest sighting occurred in the extreme southern portion of the county with both Komarek and a neighbor seeing it. According to Komarek, Bucky Nazworth, a detail officer with the Thomas County Correctional Institute, who lives on Meridian Road, spotted it at about 7:25 on the evening of November 8th as he walked from his house to his van parked along the road. He noticed it hovering at about 40 degrees over the southwestern horizon.

The object resembled a big ball of bright white light about half the size of a full moon. It was spherical with a tapered light beam extending downward sort of like a rocket's exhaust when Nazworth first saw it, according to Komarek's report.

"I glanced down the road to the south and saw this light, then turned and looked again and noticed its odd shape," Nazworth said, then added that as he watched it for about five minutes he mentally argued with himself about what he was seeing a UFO.

"I finally decided 'It must be', then, when it moved up, then to the right and left, I said to myself, 'It is', he reported.

He estimated the puzzling light was about two miles south of his position, hovering

over an area where the Meridian Road crosses the Georgia-Florida line.

"I can't tell anyone what it was, but I can describe what it was and it wasn't anything I had seen before," Nazworth said, while relating his experience.

He explained that the air space over his home is often filled with different types of aircraft because of flights from Moody Field, Tallahassee and other military installations so he's familiar with known flying objects.

"If I hadn't watched this thing for about five minutes and observed it maneuvering, I wouldn't have thought anything about it," he said.

Nazworth first thought to try taking a picture of the object with his video camera but was disappointed that it looked very small on the viewfinder, so he decided to find neighbor Komarek so he could also observe it rather than try taking a picture.

"I forgot that the small object I saw in the camera would appear larger when shown on a television screen," Nazworth said.

"When Bucky got to my house, he called me out and I could see four beams extending from the object, making it look like a very large yellow star slightly bigger and brighter than Venus or Jupiter," Komarek said.

He added, "In fact, because we were a mile farther away than when Bucky first spotted the UFO, I was not sure at first and thought it might be a star. But as I watched it with my binoculars, it dropped down behind the treeline and then popped up again, dimmed then got brighter, and when the yellow light dimmed down I

could see other lights on it before it took off to the north."

According to Komarek, this sighting occurred about four hours before he was to talk, via telephone, with Don Ecker on his CA radio station about UFOs and MUFON's "Operation Right to Know", the organization's campaign to get more information about unidentified flying objects before the public.

"I think perhaps this UFO activity may be related to my hosting the National UFO Conference in Tallahassee recently and my activities with the Operation Right to Know project," Komarek said.

It turns out that this is not the first time an unusual sky-sighting has been made in this general area. Nazworth's mother, Ms. Nida Nazworth reporting that she had observed a bright object in the sky there two or three times, the most recent about two years ago.

"I just said to myself that it was a UFO and when I told others about it they said it had to be an airplane but I knew it wasn't because the lighting was altogether different," she said.

Ms. Nazworth described the object she had seen earlier as a round light with a feathery appearance around its circumference, the color changing from yellow to red and its fringe sometimes looking more like flames than feathers.

She reported that it could move fast, make turns quickly and stop suddenly.

Each time Ms. Nazworth has seen this object, she was driving southwest on Meridian Road, its position ahead of her to the left of the roadway one time and to the right on another occasion.

She reported that its form and coloring was the same each time she saw it.

Do you believe in UFOs?

Those who do say we've been visited by aliens; others say it's bunk

BY PAUL MONTGOMERY

AMONG N.H. UFO believers, it's known simply as "The Zeller Incident."

On Oct. 16, 1984, a mysterious craft was seen over Keene near Route 12. Keene police Sgt. John C. Zeller got the call and drove out to the highway to see what was going on.

He caught sight of something in the sky and shined his cruiser's spotlight on a white, dirigible-shaped object before it moved off.

The following night it was back, hovering above Keene again.

A lot of people reported something strange during those two nights. But the sighting was named after Zeller, probably because of his position in the community. He even went on television to detail what he had encountered.

To this day, Zeller — who's taken a bit of flak over the years about his public account — maintains the object was unlike anything he'd ever seen. Still, he knows what he saw. It did not behave like any known aircraft. It defied physics, and it was huge.

In recent years, the Monadnock Region has had several UFO sightings, according to Walter Friesendorf, assistant director of the N.H. Mutual UFO Network.

In 1987, for example, a strange fast-moving light that didn't make a sound was sighted over Bennington. Many people, including a Bennington police officer, reported the incident.

Crotched Mountain, in Bennington and Franconia, is said to be a magnet for UFOs, but just what's going on is anybody's guess.

To those who believe in flying saucers, the word is we're being visited by something — maybe extraterrestrials, maybe not — that can't be readily explained.

To those who don't believe, well, it's all just bunk.

It was almost a religious revival

UFO sightings in New Hampshire don't make the news on a daily basis.

However, there is enough interest to draw hundreds of people to the recent second annual UFO Conference of the N.H.

Mutual UFO Network in Portsmouth.

In fact, more than 400 people paid up to \$55 to hear about abductions, saucers, crop formations and assorted weird tales. The money flowed for trinkets and souvenirs.

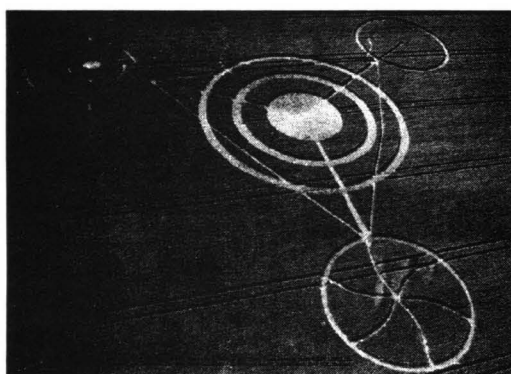
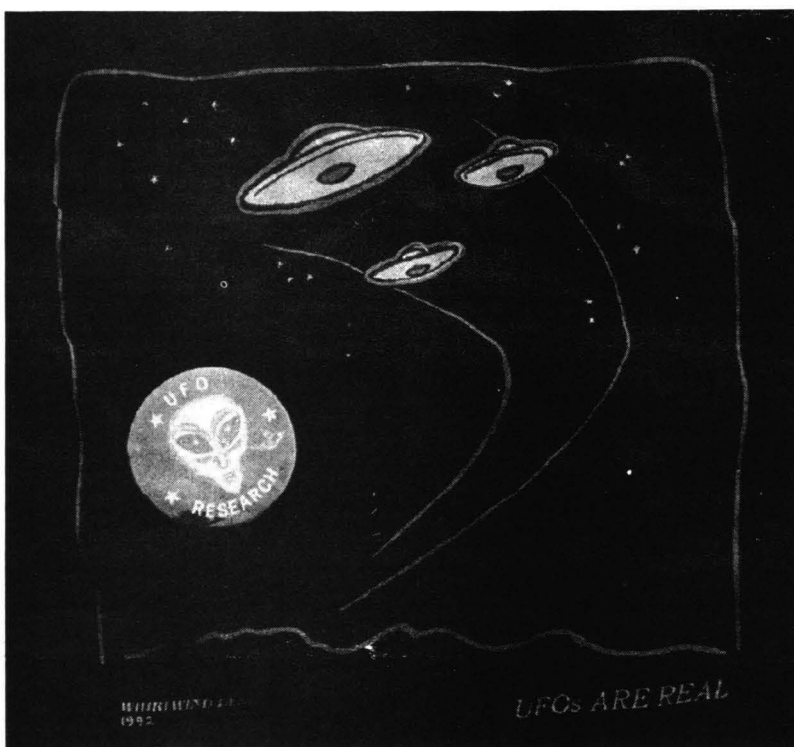
It was a quite a show.

Last year's conference drew "Star Trek" devotees, and gave the event a circus-like feel. This year, fans of the TV show stayed away and the get-together was all business. People scribbled notes furiously; there was little levity.

The conference was called "Presenting the Evidence." It was supposed to be an informational session, with various well-dressed experts offering up painstaking details about alien encounters and theories about government cover-ups of captured aliens and crashed space ships.

There were many nodding heads as people listened and soaked it all in.

The conference was more like a religious revival than a symposium on unexplained phenomena, with the believers coming not so much to be convinced but to have their beliefs confirmed and their experiences validated. Here were



TRINKETS — Many items were available for sale at the UFO Conference of the N.H. Mutual UFO Network, held earlier this month in Portsmouth. The above T-shirt was \$10, and the pin was \$3. The color poster of mysterious circles in crop fields, shown at left, was priced at \$8. Also available were videotapes ("Undeniable," \$30; "Communion," \$35), audio cassettes for \$8 and \$20 pewter UFO buttons on sale for \$18.

young and old, some in suits, others in jeans and tie-dye shirts, all hushed and attentive.

Among the speakers: a self-described investigator who gained national prominence as the primary investigator for the — steady now — famous 1973 UFO-Big Foot encounters in Pennsylvania; an Englishman who began the scientific study of the crop circle phenomenon; and a Harvard professor specializing in people who have been abducted by aliens.

A Harvard professor. No joke.

John E. Mack, who teaches psychiatry at the Harvard Med-

ical School in Cambridge, Mass., has written extensively about alien-abduction experiences.

New Hampshire — in addition to hosting the first-in-the-nation presidential primary — can also lay claim to being the popular birthplace of the alien-abduction experience in 1961.

That first widely reported abduction case came to light in 1966 in a book by John G. Fuller. In Exeter, Betty and Barney Hill claimed they'd been scooped up by aliens, poked and prodded and dumped back in their car. The doctor who worked with them dismissed

their contention, deciding that the two were suffering from some sort of shared delusion.

Mack disagrees. He has a long list of people who claim they've been with aliens, proving, he believes, that the delusion theory is hokum.

As of June, he had met with more than 55 possible abductees during the past three years.

In fact, since 1966, the number of reported abductees has

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grown exponentially.

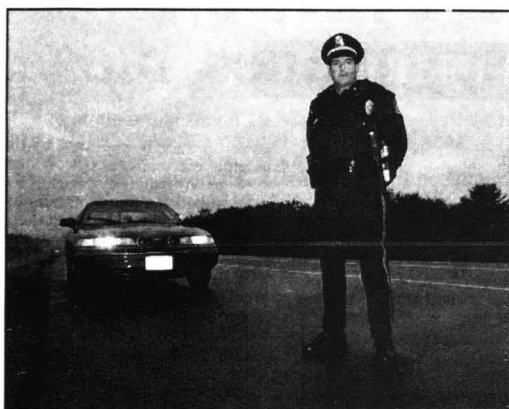
At a UFO conference at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in June, Mack reported that a Roper poll found that perhaps more than 3 million adults in the United States alone may have had alien-abduction experiences. Three million people. That could account for sagging concert ticket sales.

A story of lights and missing time

DAVID Duclos, 42, is an amateur astronomer who can recite the temperatures and atmospheric conditions of our solar system's planets the way some people rattle off baseball statistics.

He has an elaborate, home-made observatory behind his home near Dublin. He's won several awards for his photographs of outer space. He considers himself a practical man who has always rejected the notion of UFOs.

But his practical, scientific beliefs were shattered in 1986 when, he says, aliens came calling in the White Mountains where he and his wife, Lillian, and another couple were camping.



UFO SIGHTING — Keene police Sgt. John C. Zeller stands in the Route 12 area in Keene where he saw a white, dirigible-shaped object in the sky Oct. 16, 1984.

His disjointed account goes something like this:

The two couples were sitting around the campfire that Memorial Day weekend as the day came to a close. They discussed staying up late to enjoy the fire and the conversation. They had just finished dinner and everyone was having a peaceful time.

Then, things got weird as the four people watched strange lights descend from the sky and land about 100 feet from the campsite, Duclos said.

"I witnessed what my brain was telling me was a (tow truck) come down out of the sky and 'park' only a foot or two from our own vehicle," Duclos said.

But no one in the group could figure out how the tow truck had gotten there, since it did not come on a road, he said.

Next, yellow lights started swirling around him, Duclos said, and he felt dizzy.

He heard strange sounds coming from near the vehicle. Duclos wanted to walk up to the road and check things out, but the people with him held him back.

Time became impossible to gauge, and everyone in the group was acting strange. Lillian Duclos remembers that they decided to get in their tents and go to sleep.

In an instant, everyone except David Duclos was sound asleep. Duclos said he remembers looking through the sheer fabric of the tent and seeing nearby lights in the shape of a Christmas tree hovering about 2 feet above the ground.

Duclos started to crawl outside the tent to investigate, he said, but "I was hit with this overpowering feeling of being too tired to care and suddenly I sort of fell asleep," though he was still on all fours and looking somewhat like a hunting dog pointing out a pheasant.

Duclos said that when he snapped to, it seemed like only seconds had passed, but, looking at his watch, more than an hour had gone by.

His account of that night is hard to follow. Even today he does not remember the details well. But Duclos says the event started to open his mind to a history of alien-abduction encounters he has endured since childhood.

After contacting noted UFO expert Budd Hopkins in New York, Duclos sought help from a psychotherapist in Cambridge.

Under hypnosis, Duclos said he learned that when he was about age 13 and living in Marlboro, Mass., he and a friend had been separately taken into an alien craft and experimented on.

The two boys were up on a roof watching the stars with a small telescope when a craft landed nearby, Duclos said.

"I have a memory of walking up to it and climbing in the door in back," he said. "I asked (the aliens) to turn on the lights because it was totally black except for numerous pinhole-sized

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lights. Someone took me aside, or I stepped aside when asked, and the door closed. The lights went on and I was asked if I knew the procedure and would voluntarily climb on the operating-type table."

Further hypnosis sessions would reveal that Duclos had been abducted when he was age 9, he said. Clearly remembering the details of any of the encounters is nearly impossible to do, he said, adding that the experiences are blocked from the conscious mind for some reason.

Duclos is an intense, bright, yet gentle-looking man. He seems quite calm and rational. He now believes in alien-abductions, but he does not know why he has been chosen to endure them.

He has been a member of the N.H. Mutual UFO Network for 18 months and he admits that thoughts of UFOs and alien-abductions have made it impossible for him to concentrate on anything else. He's unemployed, and he is trying to refocus his life so he can get on with it.

Alien interests include reproduction

PEOPLE attending the Portsmouth convention weren't there for flying saucer talk or to hear some guy named Clem tell how he "done seen this fireball go ker-plunk in the swamp."

They wanted to hear about what it's like to be captured by aliens. In fact, a good number in the crowd were apparently abductees themselves, but somehow they had managed to make it to the conference.

Mack admonished earthlings for having messed up not only this planet, but possibly the entire cosmos. He also suggested that non-believers were the deluded ones, calling alien visits "a terrible blow to our arrogant Western mindset. What a blow to the Western ego."

Before Mack got down to the nut of his presentation, he advised those in the audience who believed they had already been with aliens that what they were about to see was intense and that they might want to leave the room. That seemed like an excellent idea. But the only people who walked out were headed to the bathrooms.

After a brief lecture on balanced reporting — Mack compared skeptics of alien abduction to those who say the Holocaust is a myth — he proceeded to unveil his showstopper: a videotape of a young man who

said he'd been enduring alien abductions for years.

Peter Faust, who looks a bit like the notorious Massachusetts wife-murderer Charles Stuart, sat in front of the camera as Mack played an audio tape of Faust reliving an abduction episode under hypnosis. The look on Faust's face was pained as the audio tape rolled. He heard himself moan and cry and finally let out a guttural growl that clearly shook the conference audience.

"You can't do this to me," Faust howled on the audio tape. "Where are you?" Mack asked.

"They got what they wanted," Faust is saying. "They do it all the time. They take my seed."

Okay. So, Faust had just had an orgasm induced by the aliens and he's complaining about it?

For some reason, aliens have a fixation on sex that goes beyond kinky. It's a recurring theme.

"Many such accounts from both male and female abductees suggest that reproductive experiments are central to the abduction experience," Mack writes in one of his reports.

Many of the individuals suffer from emotional troubles that include phobias, nightmares, problems sleeping and other discomforts, he said. They feel isolated because they're afraid friends and family will laugh at them if they come out of the abduction closet.

No kidding. Lost time is also part of the mix of alien encounters, he said, as is a feeling of being paralyzed; a feeling of floating; seeing strange lights; and discovering scars on one's body with no memory of how they got there.

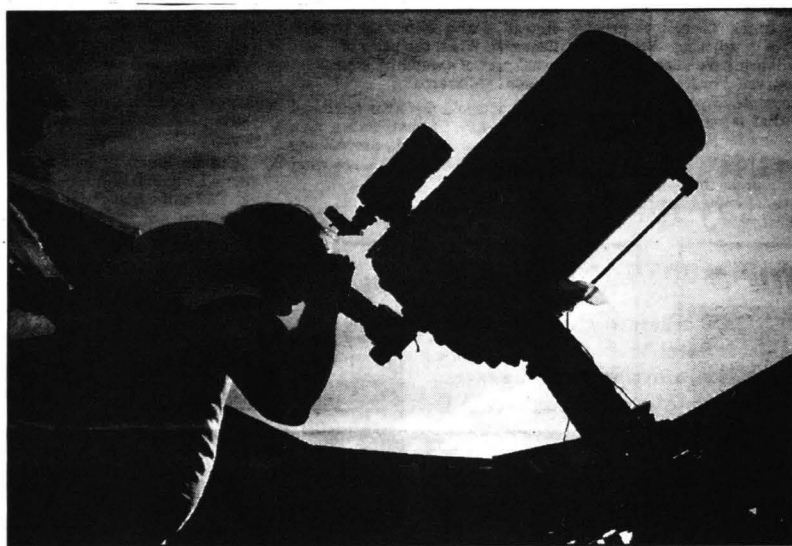
After Mack had ended his talk, a few people asked questions, with one gentleman suggesting that the next time Mack makes a presentation, he play down the sexual nature of abductions since it might put those new to alien-abduction theory off a bit.

47 percent believe space aliens exist

POLLSTERS have been gauging attitudes about UFOs for about 20 years.

Both Gallup and Roper, two heavyweights of number collecting, have made detailed studies.

Among Gallup's findings in 1990: 47 percent of Americans believe that there are beings similar to humans living on other planets; belief in UFOs has declined in recent years, down to 47 percent from 57 percent in 1978; a mere 27 percent say aliens have landed on earth



LOOKING UP — David Duclos looks through a telescope at the homemade observatory behind his home near Dublin. After a strange experience while camping in the White Mountains, Duclos went to a psychotherapist and, under hypnosis, discovered that he had been abducted by aliens as a young boy.

— 41 percent don't believe it, while 32 percent don't know.

Roper probed a bit deeper in UFO beliefs. The findings: 7 percent of Americans have seen UFOs more than once; 10 percent have felt they flown through the air though they didn't know how or why; 13 percent lost track of an hour or more; 18 percent have awakened paralyzed, sensing a strange presence in the room.

When rolled into a ball, Roper concluded that millions of perfectly normal Americans may have been jabbed at by aliens.

For Mack, it's proof that something extraordinary is going on.

Is the military hiding evidence?

STAN Gordon, a self-described UFO investigator in his 30s, has been on the trail of the unexplained since he was 16.

Gordon spoke early in the day, offering the Portsmouth crowd a detailed account of something called "The Kecksberg Incident." It was boring. Several guys in overalls, appearing on a poor-quality videotape, talked about their spacecraft encounter.

At least one man in the audience dozed. Many people milled around the back of the room chatting or checking out UFO T-shirts, buttons and books. The books, some dating to the 1950s and 1960s, sold for as much as 10 times their original value.

Kecksberg is a Pennsylvania town near Pittsburgh, and to

hear Gordon tell it, a UFO crashed there on Dec. 9, 1965. As with most reported UFO crashes, a handful of people claimed to have seen the acorn-shaped object. And as with most UFO crashes, the military moved in and seized the craft and whisked it away, denying all knowledge along the way. Gordon contends that a government conspiracy is covering up the whole sordid mess.

There are those who think Gordon is a bit nuts.

The Skeptical Inquirer — a quarterly magazine and the official journal of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal — checks out strange goings-on with the intent to unmask the mystery. UFOs and aliens are rubbish, the magazine claims. Gordon doesn't know his facts about the Kecksberg matter and is merely a self-promoter, it says.

Not only that, he is one dull UFO buff.

Some scientists do believe that space aliens are trying to contact us, according to an Associated Press report.

The scientists, who for 30 years have been listening to radio waves in a search for alien greetings, want the United Nations to help prepare an answer.

Dozens of times, scientists have picked up radio waves matching the expected signature of a message from space, AP reports. But these have not been confirmed as genuine contacts because they were fleeting and unverifiable.

But with new NASA equipment joining the search this

fall, radio astronomers believe they will ultimately be able to confirm that a future transmission is a sign from a distant planet.

Radio astronomers and engineers involved in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence began consulting with colleagues in all scientific disciplines for suggestions on what the reply to aliens should be. Now they want help from the U.N. General Assembly's Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

The scientists believe that Earth should reply with one voice, on behalf of all humanity.

Some experiences are far from fun

CAROLYN Barnes of New York City spent six hours on a bus to get to the Portsmouth conference.

Barnes, a large woman dressed in a purple muu-muu, was outside the convention center, laughing one minute, crying the next, smoking the stub of a cigarette and telling how she's tired of being whisked away by aliens for medical experiments.

First it was at age 9, when she lived in Iowa. Later, at ages 11 and 15, she was abducted, she said.

Just this June, the aliens drained all the blood from her right leg through the bottom of her foot, she said. It took 45 minutes for blood to pump from her heart down to the foot. Blood then flowed onto the floor.

She has just seen the Faust videotape, and it shook her.

Why is she being abducted? "It's kind of like what we do to polar bears," she said. "We tag them and then follow them all of their lives, stepping in now and then to check their progress. It's like a benchmark."

Is it a terrible experience? "Imagine going down to the kitchen for a midnight snack," Barnes said. "The refrigerator light goes and there, standing nearby, is a 6-foot-tall cockroach. It looks at you and says, 'Don't be scared, I won't hurt you,' and you turn to run and there are two more and they're both saying, 'Really, we won't hurt you.' It's terrifying."

Barnes is in therapy.

Maybe when CNN covers a landing ...

IN New Hampshire, more than 50 people pay dues to the state chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, which has 3,800 members nationwide.

Peter Geremia of Rye is state director. Geremia has never seen an extraterrestrial craft, nor does he claim to have been abducted. But he does believe something strange is happening up in the skies and in people's heads.

"There's something going on," he said. "We're finding more and more people coming up with recollections of UFO events and possible abduction scenarios."

He doesn't pretend to have any answers and he's not a champion for the cause.

"I would never try to convince someone that the alien situation is going on," he said. "We're not out to convert the world; it would be a difficult task. I think that it's a losing battle."

So, when will the skeptics be convinced?

"It'll take a major sighting, with a craft on the ground," he said. "CNN dispatches its crew and it hits the airwaves."

Geremia, who works for a medical X-ray company, said that many of those who claim to have seen UFOs or been abducted are perfectly rational, "good, solid, wholesome people."

Keene police Sgt. John C. Zeller, who encountered the UFO in 1984, hasn't seen one since. The thought of it never bothered him much. In fact, he says, he's never really given the sighting much thought at all. He doesn't say that the craft was from another planet, just that what he saw can't be easily explained.

Unlike Zeller, David Duclos believes strongly in aliens and UFOs. Still, there's one thing the two do agree on: Something strange is going on.

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U.S. has Mach 8 spy planes, magazine says

The Associated Press

LONDON — The U.S. Air Force is operating a new generation of secret spy planes capable of reaching eight times the speed of sound, *Jane's Defense Weekly* said Friday.

In a report, prepared for next week's issue, the military affairs magazine said the triangular-shaped planes have been in service since 1989.

"We've been working on this report for about three years," *Jane's* editor, Paul Beaver, said. "The evidence has grown overwhelming. All we need now is a photograph to prove that it exists."

Beaver quoted the report as saying that the \$1 billion plane, dubbed Aurora, could reach cruising speeds of up to Mach 8 — or 5,280 mph and more than 2½ times the official world record.

The defense establishment continues to deny the existence of Aurora, he said.

There was no immediate comment Friday from Pentagon officials in Washington.

The Pentagon announced in 1990 it was retiring its supersonic spy plane, the SR-71 Blackbird, and would rely for its future high-altitude surveillance on orbiting satellites.

But *Jane's* technical editor, Bill Sweetman, who compiled information for the article, reported that the so-called "hypersonic" Aurora operates mainly at night and incorporates the latest radar-evading "stealth" technology.

Sweetman, an expert in high-technology aircraft, maintained the Pentagon story was a smoke screen.

Beaver said Sweetman reported extensively on the U.S. Air Force's stealth fighter and bomber programs before they were made public and has written a book on the development of stealth technology.

A Mach 8 plane would be able

to reach any point on the globe in less than three hours.

Such a plane, fueled by liquid methane, would be of potentially greater use than high-resolution images from orbiting satellites that can take 24 hours to arrive over the subject, the report said.

Sweetman based his conclusions on pieced-together data, Beaver said, including strange sounds reported above air bases in Nevada and California, multi-billion-dollar spending on classified research projects and the sighting over the North Sea of a wedge-shaped aircraft under fighter-bomber escort.

Chris Hudson, 30, a trained aircraft observer, told *Jane's* that while working as an oil-drilling engineer in the North Sea in 1989, he saw a bizarre, wedge-shaped plane flying between two conventional F-111 fighter-bombers and a Hercules tanker.

Sweetman thinks this was the first sighting of Aurora.

Beaver said the sighting can be linked to mysterious sounds heard by aerospace professionals near military airfields in California and Nevada that are characterized as a "low-frequency, high-amplitude pulsing."

Sweetman said in his article that he thinks the U.S. aerospace giant Lockheed, which produced the F-117 stealth fighter, is the most likely manufacturer of Aurora.

"Lockheed's financial figures have indicated a continuing, large flow of income for 'classified' and 'special mission' aircraft," he wrote.

The Lockheed Advanced Development Co. developed the previous generations of U-2 and SR-71 Blackbird spy planes.

Both designs flew high-altitude spy missions undetected for years — in the U-2's case, until Francis Gary Powers was shot down over Russia and captured in 1960.



Photo illustration by Bob King/News-Tribune

Although no one reported seeing a UFO buzzing the Duluth waterfront, as depicted in this illustration, some people say they've seen UFOs in Northland skies.

Northland abounds with unexplained phenomena

News-Tribune

It's a touchy thing to admit, that you think you've seen a UFO. You don't want to be laughed at; you don't want people to think you've gone off the deep end. Still, you know you saw it. You might not be able to explain it, but you know in your heart of hearts what you saw.

When we asked readers to share their UFO sightings with us, we got an incredible response. Long, detailed letters with times, dates, weather conditions. Many of you included postscripts — "I wasn't drinking," or, "I know it wasn't swamp gas or weather balloons!"

We don't have room to run all the stories, but trust us when we say that each was fascinating.

So read on, these stories of strange lights in the sky, cigar-shaped and saucer-shaped spaceships, gentle alien creatures. Remember that most of them happened here — in Duluth, on the Iron Range, in northern Wisconsin.

And on the next clear night, take a walk outside. Are you sure all those bright lights you see twinkling above you are just stars?

My husband and I took our son and uncle camping on the beach near Herbster. Late one evening my husband spotted a bright object low in the sky out across the lake. We joked that it was a UFO.

We really believed it was just a star, but when it started to move, we looked at it through binoculars. The object had a multitude of brightly colored lights that flashed around it like a carnival ride. I saw a circle of light glow-

ing under it on the surface of the lake.

We didn't mention this experience until a few days later when we heard that the Bayfield County sheriff's deputy had pursued a UFO in that area on that same evening.

— Anonymous, Duluth

A couple of months ago I was out in my yard. I noticed an airplane with its lights blinking, but as I watched it, the lights were much slower in movement than regular planes. And then suddenly, like lightning, the light split into two lights and the lights separated. I quickly retreated indoors to ponder what I had just seen.

— Charlotte Tidball, Castle Danger

This sighting was around midnight on June 20 over Mountain Iron. As I had settled down for the night facing the screened east window, I saw a small dot of very bright light in the sky. The dot increased in size as it came closer. Just as suddenly, it turned north and headed toward Minntac.

I had time to observe it from the side; it had a very brightly lighted chamber sandwiched between layers of something I could not see against the dark sky. Before I had time to move, it was gone.

No — it was not an airplane, a helicopter, northern lights, falling star or meteor. It was not twinkling, nor flashing. It was soundless and it was bright.

— Anonymous

We were standing on the deck (in Lutsen) at 1 a.m., March 20, 1992, looking at the lake, when we saw a row of moving amber lights. This phenomenon lasted for about one minute.

It was in the east and looked about two to five miles away.

In the next issue of the Grand Marais paper, there was an article reporting that a border guard saw the same thing, at the same time and the same location! According to the paper, a sheriff's deputy made another sighting at a different location a few nights later.

We all have vivid memories of what we saw.

— Jeffrey P. Hicken, Anoka, Minn.

About 24 years ago my husband and I were traveling to Minneapolis from Virginia to pick up our daughter. We stopped at Rush City for gas. It was a cold, clear night and suddenly I saw a bunch of colored lights skim over the tops of the trees. They came and went so fast I didn't know what it was, so I noted the time — 7:05 p.m.

That evening, while watching the news in Minneapolis, they announced that strange lights had been seen there and also in Duluth. The interesting thing was that in all three places it was seen within five or 10 minutes, so I am convinced that I saw a UFO.

I am a firm believer that there is something or some beings out there.

— Lucille Stoltz, Virginia

One night three years ago, I watched a large ship with long strips of white lights along its side

hover over Lake Superior. After 20 minutes of my observing the thing float 50 feet above the water, it took off very quickly toward Wisconsin.

Within three or four minutes, a fighter jet, apparently from the Duluth base, screamed over the spot where I had originally seen the ship. The jet then circled around the area as if looking for something.

Coincidence? I don't think so.

— S.W., Knife River

Date: Memorial Day weekend, Friday night, 1991.

Place: Rental cabin at Fish Lake, Duluth.

Time: 1 a.m.

Distance: Mile and a half?

The wife and I were sitting next to a campfire, having a beer. I spotted it first, a bright light that I thought was an airplane going away from us. Upon further observation we realized it was rotating and standing in one spot.

I believe we watched it for about five minutes, no binoculars available, when a row of flashing lights appeared on the bottom and it slowly disappeared behind some hills.

We were sitting there wondering what it was, when up comes a much smaller red light, which stops right where the big one was hovering, made a 50-degree turn and followed the same path of descent as the big one.

We were both saying airplanes cannot maneuver that way and we're starting to think it was helicopters. That's when I said to her, "Honey, it can't be," something awfully important was missing — noise.

I cannot give you shapes or

sizes; all we saw were lights. I know these were not swamp gases, northern lights or weather balloons.

— Anonymous, Duluth

My sighting of a UFO was on May 5, 1984. There were five of us who witnessed the event.

My friend and I had gone out and returned home at 10 p.m. When we went into the house, we found two hysterical 9-year-old boys and a dumbfounded 16-year-old baby sitter. The boys pointed to a red light on the far bank of the St. Louis River, and shouted, "Look! A tornado!"

"It went right over the house and landed by the river!"

They described a solid object ringed with rows of lights, spinning as it traveled over our roof and headed north to the river. They said it was the shape of a toy top.

They had seen it when their attention had been drawn to the window by a "whooshing" sound coming from the object — thus, the "tornado" description.

My friends and the boys and I tried to identify it with binoculars. All we could see was a red light with no details. It seemed to have landed on the riverbank, or else it was hovering two or three feet above the bank.

The boys said the red light was on the very top of the object and that it had white and green lights around its midsection, with a white light on the bottom.

I was sure, at first, that it must be a helicopter of some sort. We watched it for the next two hours. Then its light began to pulsate, to change color, intensity and size.

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The colors I saw were red, mint green and white. Then it suddenly shot a light onto the water. The light had the appearance of a laser; it was off-white and seemed to be about 15-20 feet long. It shone on the river for about 20 minutes.

During this time, the boys got the idea to blink our four floodlights to see if it would respond. After they turned them on and off three times, the object appeared to respond with three on-off blinks of its own, whereupon I told the boys to stop signaling it immediately. I was afraid it would come closer to the house.

After a few more minutes, the laser-light blinked off and the "thing" zipped to within a few feet of the far hill, away from us. That may not sound too remarkable, but the speed with which it moved was absolutely mind-boggling. It traversed a half-mile in far less than a second!

To answer your questions: Yes, I was frightened.

No, I haven't told too many people, except the police and the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). I have moved to a different home since 1984, and haven't seen any more UFOs, thank God.

— Anonymous, Cloquet

This took place in 1984-85 in New Hampshire. I would frequently travel to and from my night job using a two-lane road through isolated, wooded countryside.

Early one morning, I left work to begin the 20-minute drive back to Concord. The last thing I remember was passing the feed store on Route 3. Then I found myself standing in my living room looking at the clock. I'd lost almost 2½ hours of time.

I remember that my clothes were on backwards, my shoes were covered with mud and stains, and I felt very strange. I had vague abdominal pain and felt very dirty. When I went out to check on my car, I found that it had dirt all over it, and leaves and small branches.

Shortly after this, I began having serial nightmares. They would begin as I drove down Route 3 at night and I would see little children on the road ahead of me. As I get closer, my mind keeps telling me not to stop and I become more and more terrified. I reach under the seat as if I'm looking for something to protect me. Then I look over at the passenger side of the car and see someone sitting in the seat, staring at me with huge slanted eyes and whitish skin.

Then I see long, slender, white fingers on the window.

At this point I wake up.

— Anonymous, Superior

One crystal-clear July night in the mid-1970s I stood in the parking lot of a highway rest stop near Detroit Lakes. I was gazing up into the star-studded sky. As I watched, one of the stars began to move in an arc from my right to my left. I assumed it was a satellite until suddenly, to my amazement, the "star" stopped, then, at what seemed to be a 90-degree angle, shot away from my sight deep into the heavens.

It was too far away to identify a shape. There was no sound. But the speed at which it traveled across the sky, stopped, changed direction and disappeared led me to believe I had seen a UFO.

It is the height of arrogance to assume that we are the only intelligent beings in this vast universe God has created.

— Winnie Thaisen, Duluth

In 1967, I was a 20-year-old in the U.S. Navy aboard a cruiser which was headed through the Panama Canal. It was dusk before we entered the Atlantic Ocean. A friend and I decided to go to the fantail to relax. It was a beautiful, clear night. The stars were out, the lights on shore were dimming as the ship steamed

away from land.

After a half-hour or so we noticed off the port side four lighted spheres. They were in a vertical line, not connected, and each was the size of a small house.

The lowest one was only a hundred yards from the water. They were bright but not blinding to look at.

I don't recall how long we looked at the spheres before they departed like they arrived — they were there, and then they weren't.

About five months later, I was on leave in Ashland and I asked Mom what's been happening in the big city. She said there had been a UFO sighting of numerous lights that were hanging in the sky.

It had been around the same time that I had seen the lights many thousands of miles away.

— Bob Munich, Duluth

I have experienced two sightings.

The first sighting took place in Superior on June 7, 1967. My friends and I attended the stock car races at the Tri State Fairgrounds. We were sitting in the bleachers watching the races, when the crowd looked up.

It was late evening and there was a full moon. I saw a round, silver UFO with a round dome. It came from the right side and stopped dead center, then rose a little, back down, and then forward and stopped, and was gone.

The second sighting took place in Superior on Nov. 9, 1975. I was driving home in the early evening, coming down 28th Street, past Superior Senior High School and the Mariner Mall. I came to a curve and saw strange lights hovering over Lake Superior.

I reached my home, parked my car and got my binoculars. I went out in the alley, where I picked up the lights again. I used the telephone lines as a guide. The color went from red to green to white, alternating as the UFO moved.

The UFO would move back and the lights would fade, and then come forward and the lights would brighten.

It was reported on our local television station, WDIO. I watched those lights for a full week.

— Diane Sharpe, Superior

Ever since seeing the movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still," my curiosity about UFOs was sparked. Two incidents have come to mind that started out as great UFO sightings.

The first came in the winter of 1974. A cold night, the phone rang. It was about 10:30 p.m. It was the local sheriff. He asked my dad if I still had my telescope and if I would be interested in helping them see a UFO reported to him.

In record time, I had my winter clothes on, telescope out the door and set up in knee-deep snow. A few minutes later, two squad cars pulled up in my driveway. My heart started to beat at a pounding rate.

The object reportedly was low on the southern horizon, lights blinking off and on in many different colors. It seemed to move very slowly. After a few minutes of looking, we saw it. Sure enough, it was changing colors and blinking.

What we were seeing was the brightest star in the sky, Sirius, also known as the Dog Star. Because of its low position on the horizon and the air currents, it gave a very convincing performance. To the untrained eye, it met all the characteristics of a UFO. But alas, it was only a star.

DARN!

My second close encounter came in the late fall of 1975. I set up my equipment — a telescope, camera, lawn chair and Thermos of hot chocolate — for a long, cool evening of star-gazing.

A few hours into viewing, I saw them. From the northeast, a V-shaped formation of eight oval, glowing disks appeared. They seemed to move at high speed

across my viewing area. They were visible for about 10 to 15 seconds and then disappeared to the southwest horizon.

Did I just see that?

All the next day, I was mesmerized. The following night I set up again, hoping to see something. And sure enough, about the same time I saw them again.

But this time, they made a sound... HONK HONK HONK.

A flock of geese heading south for the winter.

They may have reflected some of the setting moonlight off their feathers and made a convincing display.

This is not to say that all can be explained. I still wait for maybe a chance to see one I will not be able to explain.

— Raymond Tawyea, Cloquet

My first sighting was in Pengilly while I was helping my sister-in-law move. It was around 2 p.m. on a day in 1978. Approximately 10 feet above some large pine trees was a large oval-shaped object the color of a lit light bulb. It made the same sound as if you whipped a rope as fast as you can in a circle.

The size was almost the size of the infield of a softball field. It hovered over us for maybe a minute and took off like a speeding bullet toward the Butler Tac-onite mine.

In 1990, in the daytime, my son and I were going to Coleraine to pick up my nephew when we saw a small, silver object fly across the road just a ways after Snowball Lake. It was about the size of a softball. It went into the trees.

The car behind me must have seen it also because they stopped alongside of the road about the spot it went in. I should have gone back to ask them, but kept going.

To me, it was no big deal because it was the third time I had seen these objects.

— Sue Stalberger, Keewatin

My first encounter with something weird was approximately 46 years ago, at the age of 10 in Wisconsin, north of Brule.

One July afternoon, it was my turn to stay in the house to cook dinner as my folks and sister went to load another load of hay about two miles up the road.

All I actually, absolutely remember is going to the outhouse, which was behind the barn, but you had to cross the yard, driveway and go around the house, first.

Just as I was about to go around the house, I happened to look up and see a cigar-shaped ship between the barn and our huge old oak tree. It was the same height as the tip of the oak tree.

There were about three or four figures looking down over some kind of railing, and they were wearing flowing robes. They were just sitting there quietly when they noticed me. They hung over the rail slightly and made a motion for me to come.

I peeked from behind the house, scared to death, and hoped they didn't see me.

That is all I remember. All of a sudden I was standing in the kitchen, my family was home from the hay field and dinner hadn't even been started! I was in deep trouble. I tried to tell my mother that I could not understand where the time had gone.

— Anonymous, Duluth

I would like to assure anyone who has seen a UFO and has been deeply affected by the experience that he or she is not alone.

The thing I saw was a ball of incredibly bright light hovering silently over Lake Superior, one-third of a mile from where I was standing. I gauged its distance by looking at its reflection on the water.

It was a windless night with a clear sky. After "burning" white for a minute, it turned red and moved slowly and silently along the shoreline toward Larsmont, and turned inland, disappearing over the tree line.

— Anonymous, Duluth

One evening a few years back my husband and I took a short drive to a convenience store in a small town north of our rural residence. On our way home, a very large object appeared in the sky directly off to the side of our vehicle. We watched it pass in front of us. It was very low in the sky — slightly over tree-top height. It was entirely outlined in green lights. It made no sound as it passed in front of us — there was complete silence. As quickly as it appeared, it disappeared.

— Anonymous, Mountain Iron

After World War II ended, I was returning to the U.S. from the Philippine Islands aboard a hospital ship. We were about one day out from the coast of California. We were passing through patches of fog, then into bright sunlight. As we passed through the light fog, I noticed a reddish-orange light near the surface of the ocean. The light would blink off and appear in a different spot, sometimes to the right, sometimes to the left, then higher than the ship deck, then near the ocean surface.

At first I thought that there was another ship out there, but as we passed into clear spots I could see that we were the only ship around. As the fog appeared again, so would the darting, dancing lights. I watched these lights for about an hour. They kept right up with the ship, sometimes right alongside and sometimes several blocks away.

— R.F. Thompson, Proctor

It was a warm July night in 1962. We were living in rural Douglas County on a small farm on a secluded back forty. My husband came rushing in to summon me to the edge of the field. We stood by the fence and witnessed a sight we seldom speak of but have never forgotten.

There was a bright light about halfway across the field. It was spread very low above the ground. My husband wanted to walk out to it, but I wouldn't let him. It was hovering and appeared to be rising up and down, back and forth.

It must have been about 9 p.m. when we first discovered the light, and I sat by the window and observed it until it rose and disappeared into the eastern sky about 1 a.m.

We have not told many people about the incident.

— Anonymous, Superior

A friend and I were sitting in the Central Hillside Community Center park in Duluth late one summer night. We noticed a single red light in the sky heading toward Old Central's clock tower. There was no noise and it moved real slow. It was going straight to the clock, but it swerved around and went in the direction of Tri-Towers Apartments. It was eerie, but I don't remember being afraid.

— Nancy Kantola, Duluth.

Yes — I have seen a UFO 10 times!

Yes — I have had two missing times!

Yes — I was abducted from my bed, taken out and brought back.

They covered me and woke me so I could see them — we smiled at each other — I touched the one on his sleeve and they disappeared. This was Sept. 3, 1989, in Minneapolis.

— Anonymous, Minneapolis

While driving north on Highway 38, about four miles from Grand Rapids on a fall evening in 1953, my husband and I saw something in the sky that at first looked like it could be an airplane. Closer view made us aware that it was not an airplane.

I became frightened. Just as we were about to turn into our driveway, it came close — just hovering over the car. I yelled, "It's going to land on our car!" As soon as I said that, it disappeared.

We just did not comprehend what had taken place in that short span of time — driving about one mile distance with that overhead. The color — bright amber, white and yellow, shaped like a Frisbee and going through the air like a Frisbee when thrown. If there was a sound, I do not remember.

It just hovered and disappeared!
— Anonymous, Grand Rapids

It was Sept. 8, 1991, at Fitzer's parking lot. There had been a violent thunderstorm the night before. I was parked on the top level of the lot, and something told me to get out of the car and look up.

There was this ship, black on the bottom and bright silver on top, and about 25 feet across, coming around the top of the smokestack at Fitzer's and about 800 feet off the ground.

It passed overhead and proceeded toward the Aerial Bridge. As it approached the area of the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District plant, it seemed to stop and reverse direction and proceed back to Lake Avenue.

There it reversed itself again, made a 90-degree turn and proceeded at a rapid speed, climbing up into the clouds and going north. I turned this report in to MUFON, the organization for UFOs.

— Walter J. Quick, Duluth

It was the fall of 1965 or 1966 at a football game at Denfeld Stadium. A very bright, large object came down over the fence from Eighth Street. It was lower than the top of the stadium. It flew into the center of the field at 8 to 10 feet above the ground, stopped for a half-minute or so and left by the same way it came in.

It was such an unexplained incident, but eerier still was that all the spectators watched it and nothing was said. We just proceeded with watching the game.

This UFO had no tangible shape, just a bright, glowing, reddish light. It could not have been an airplane, northern lights or swamp gas. It was too bright and slow to be just a spotlight.

If this is printed, maybe someone else who was at that game or in that neighborhood will come forward and tell of seeing it also. No one seemed to be afraid.

— Dorothy Peterson, Superior

It was about 7:30 p.m. on a late September evening a few years ago. The weather was clear. My wife and I were returning home from town. As we turned onto Highway 7, we wondered aloud why a small plane was flying so low over the trees ahead. We realized there did not appear to be any navigation lights and the shape was wrong for a plane.

As we proceeded along the road, the object seemed to stay the same size. It continued ahead of us until we reached Burnett. The object seemed to be speeding up. Finally we lost sight of it.

— Anonymous, Saginaw

I believe I was abducted from my home as I slept one night. It was the same night and hours that sightings over Duluth took place.

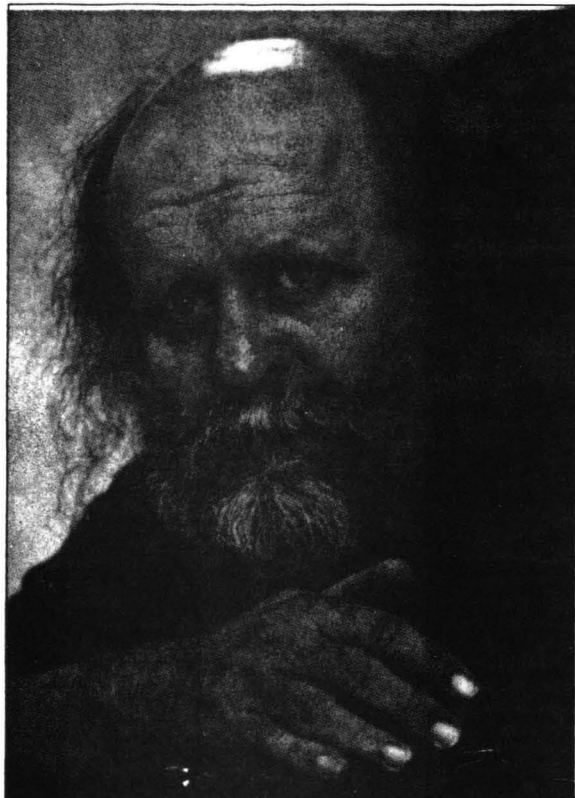
I felt a sudden impact, as though I had been thrown onto my bed. I remembered lying in a white, sterile space with many men/aliens. I couldn't see their faces, but they were looking at me as if examining me. It was when I started questioning why and who was doing this to me that I was "thrown back."

I had not been drinking or doing drugs. In the morning the media began reporting sightings at the same time I remember awakening.

— Anonymous, Duluth

"It's time for people to realize someone else is interested in something you don't see any value in."

TERRY JOHNSON



Press-Telegram photo by Curt Johnson



Fighting through a curtain of laughter and ridicule, more and more people are relating stories of being abducted and examined by alien visitors to Earth

"The hardest part to deal with is feeling you must be going crazy."

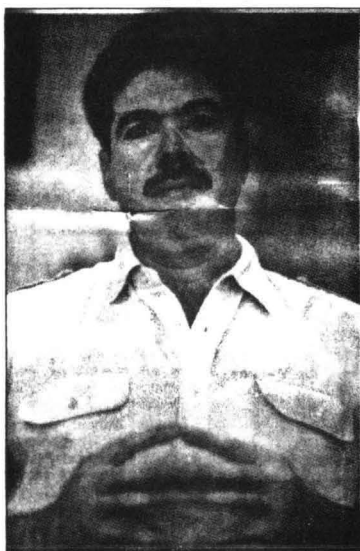
MELINDA LESLIE



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"I am wanting to believe, to get a chance to know other life other than that here on Earth."

MYRON GOLDSBY



Press-Telegram photo by Curt Johnson

By Wendy Lee
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One summer evening in Fresno in 1956, Myron Goldsby fell asleep in the back seat of his family's car and was picked up, he says, by aliens.

A bright light shone through the back window, and Goldsby, then 4, crawled to the floor. He says that through telepathy he heard a voice tell him: "You're coming with us."

The next thing Goldsby knew he was reclined in what looked like a modern-day dental chair. A small, hairless creature with pale gray skin and wearing a grayish jumpsuit was checking his body.

Then Goldsby was wheeled on a gurney to another room, where two long needles were inserted into his head. The aliens, he says, put him in a vat of gel so they could study the "energy" he gave off. They caused him "excruciating pain" by controlling a set of knobs in a blue room.

Goldsby, a Long Beach resident who is now 40, says that for most of his life he had no recollection of that fateful night. But he claims that on Easter of this year he uncovered the memory with the help of a psychological counselor.

"There is more to our lives than just what we see or feel," Goldsby says.

Just 10 years ago, most people like Goldsby — those who believe they have been abducted by UFOs — were keeping such stories to themselves. They say that for decades they were ridiculed and misunderstood by mental health and medical professionals more concerned with scrutinizing their sanity than the content of their claims.

But some mental health counselors and physicians — reviewing an ever-increasing body of UFO research — are now asserting that such stories, for a variety of reasons, should not be dismissed so quickly. For example, they say, striking similarities in the stories "abductees" tell about aliens — such as how the creatures look and the kinds of examinations they perform on humans — suggest that there is some kind of phenomenon taking place.

"Having a healthy skepticism is very wise," observes Yvonne R. Smith, a Los Angeles-area hypnotherapist who uses hypnosis to help "abductees" uncover hidden memo-

ries by gaining access to their subconscious mind. "We all have to be a little skeptical. But you have to have an open mind."

Still, the feeling is not universal. Other mental health professionals argue that stories about alien abductions are often the result of therapists who ask leading questions, and of common, sometimes terrifying hallucinations that can occur when people are "partly asleep and partly awake," says Dr. Robert Baker, a professor emeritus in the psychology department at the University of Kentucky at Lexington.

"The hardest part to deal with is feeling you must be going crazy. Having to live daily life with the knowledge this has happened is very, very hard. I cope with it because I have to, because I insist on living a normal life."

—Melinda Leslie, "abductee"

Adds Robert Sheaffer, a UFO investigator and author of the 1981 book, "The UFO Verdict," which examines UFO "evidence": "Ninety-nine-and-three-quarters percent of professional scientists do consider UFOs to be pretty much hokey. I'd love to see some evidence. My mind is open to evidence, not unsubstantiated stories. The evidence is what nobody has."

Even so, adamant UFO believers say attitudes may be changing, largely with the help of prominent professionals like Harvard psychiatrist John Mack, who has interviewed dozens of "abductees" and calls for more sensitivity in dealing with the "traumas" he says these individuals experience. In an article in the July-August issue of the International UFO Reporter, Mack notes that many "abductees" suffer from emotional and physical symptoms, including phobias and unusual nightmares, and bear a profound sense of isolation and "inner questions" about their sanity.

"Abductees are sensitive and vulnerable individuals who are, in most cases, not mentally disturbed," writes Mack, founding director of the Center for Psychology and Social Change in Cambridge, Mass. "They are strong, often intuitive persons who need openness and understanding."

In fact, people with an interest in UFOs or believe they have had encounters with aliens find comfort and camaraderie in an expanding network of lecture series and support groups. In Los Angeles, the UFOFORUM, which features speakers on the UFO experience, regularly draws from 50 to 75 people each month, compared with 20 to 25 five years ago. In Orange County, Corona del Mar resident Melinda Leslie has organized a monthly UFO lecture series, and a support group for "abductees" which is attended by five certified hypnotherapists — three of whom have doctoral degrees, she notes. Smaller groups also meet in Long Beach, organized by psychological counselor Terry Johnson.

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Signs of a possible close encounter

If an individual suspects he or she has had a "close encounter" with an alien being, self-described "spiritual counselor" Tom Anderson, of Sarasota, Fla., says there are certain signs to look for:

- "If you have powerful dreams of saucers or of being examined on an observation table."
- "An unusual and unexplained interest in UFOs."
- "Unexplained nosebleeds as a child."

- "Fear of the dark or of being outside alone."
 - "Missing time, time that you can't account for."
 - "Feelings like someone is watching you or you feel a presence."
 - "Unexplained pregnancies and false pregnancies."
- Anderson emphasizes that these occurrences do not necessarily mean the individual has had an encounter.

According to Mack, recent estimates presented at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at a June conference on the alien-abduction phenomenon suggest that from several hundred thousand to more than 3 million adults in the United States alone have had abduction experiences. Still, the fear of ridicule keeps many from publicly sharing their stories.

"There's a curtain of laughter and a curtain of ridicule that surrounds this subject," says Dr. John G. Miller, an emergency-room physician who lives in San Pedro and has conducted "in-depth" studies of 14 abduction cases. "The witness finds himself silenced by ridicule, which I don't think is fair. These are, after all, fellow human beings, and many of them are very credible and have a story to tell, even though that story may not please the rest of us."

Miller has researched and collected data on "abductees" for more than four years. Although he says he is neither a believer nor debunker, like Mack he agrees the people he has studied are "generally credible individuals." He notes that abduction cases are now beginning to attract the attention of a variety of medical professionals, including internists, family practitioners, gynecologists and neurologists.

Trying to help others

Some "abductees" are willing to share their stories in hopes of reaching out to others who may feel they've had an encounter with aliens but are afraid to seek help.

Goldsby says that last December he agreed to go with two aliens and then found himself on what seemed to be a light-orange massage table. He also saw a tall, muscular blond male with blue eyes looking at him.

Directed to a chair, Goldsby observed a view screen displaying a three-dimensional "stellar chart" that appeared to show the aliens' travel route. He pressed two buttons and an alien asked him if he wanted a tour. Goldsby says doors dematerialized. He was offered nectar and what he thinks were cubes of colored fruit. At the end of the adventure, he says, he found himself traveling in their craft at dusk above the trees.

Goldsby says aliens are motivated to seek out humans because they are curious, and want information, friendship and to share culture.

"I am wanting to believe, to get a chance to know life other than that here on Earth," Goldsby says.

Melinda Leslie began having dreams after two trips in 1989 to Nevada, where she says she witnessed "multiple sightings" of glowing UFOs that dashed through the sky like shooting stars.

In her dreams, she was a young girl who wandered into the desert, or got lost and had to be retrieved by her mother. With each episode, she was left with the sensation of "missing time," common among people who say they have abduction experiences. Leslie experienced this feeling again one evening after meditating, reaching to set the alarm on her clock and discovering that 2½ hours had passed that she couldn't account for.

More strange things began happening. Her roommate later told her she had witnessed a "flash of light" in the hallway of their apartment the night Leslie experienced her "missing time" and had seen a small being, about 3½ feet tall with a large head and dark eyes. Leslie sought the help of a UFO researcher-friend who helped her uncover most of what happened through hypnosis.

"These beings manifested from the light, touched my face or put something over my nose and mouth. I was lifted off the bed, and a tunnel of light speeds by me. Then I'm in a chair, with intricately carved metal with holes in it."

She sits there for a time as aliens "come and go" and do psychological tests, such as having her relive childhood experiences to test her emotional reactions. Then she finds herself on a metal table. She is 15 years old, and the aliens, with a syringe inserted into her bellybutton, are removing from her body what she later concludes are eggs.

With the help of a psychiatrist who also does hypnosis, Leslie says she has been able to develop some insights into the chilling things she says have happened to her: unexplained bruises and welts, a bizarre dream of floating and seeing white-skinned beings with oval heads who wear silver outfits.

"The hardest part to deal with is feeling you must be going crazy," says Leslie, 31. "Having to live daily life with the knowledge this has happened is very, very hard."

"I cope with it because I have to, because I insist on living a normal life. One way to deal with it is to talk about it."

Terry Johnson would agree. The 47-year-old Long Beach resident says he had his first UFO experience at the age of 19 in Oregon, Ill. He hopes other "abductees" will record their experiences so a "universal library" can be assembled.

Johnson was traveling to his parents' home and pulled his car over because he was experiencing double vision. When he woke up, the car was facing the opposite direction, 13 miles from where he had stopped. Years later, with the help of hypnosis, he says he learned that aliens picked up his car and took him to a room where they conducted experiments on him. They put slivers of wood underneath his fingernails. They used electricity. "A lot of pain

tolerance tests," he says.

Johnson says he was taken to a place where he found it difficult to breathe because the atmosphere was dense with moisture. The aliens, greenish and smooth-skinned with small heads and large eyes, spoke to him through telepathy. Through various means, aliens are said to induce mental blocks to keep "abductees" from remembering their experiences.

"Abductees" often say the similarities in their stories provide support for their claims. Small gray creatures with a large head and large eyes, referred to as "Grays," are frequently described.

"Time after time, people have described almost the exact examination rooms, what the being looked like," says hypnotherapist Smith. "My clients don't know each other until later on down the line when they come to support group meetings. Even if they read about the subject, there are still certain details similar to my other cases that may not even be in the literature at all."

Much skepticism

Still, disbelievers abound.

Some, such as Baker, who has written a book about the uses and misuses of hypnosis, suggest that therapists often lead their subjects under hypnosis. Others note that widely circulated books about UFO abductions and TV movies over the past decade are influencing story lines. Sheaffer, the UFO investigator and writer, says abduction claims and types of aliens reported in a given country tend to reflect "the kind of literature and publicity" prevalent there.

"I think most of these people are quite sincere about it, and they've fooled themselves," he says.

Johnson sees it another way: "It's time for people to realize someone else is interested in something you don't see any value in. You have to allow them to speak their piece. They have the right to their own opinion."

"It's when we try to shut them up that we start getting into problems that lead to loss of freedoms."

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - Nov. 13, 1992

UFO Answers

In your article called "Publisher Sees First UFO" that was published in the *Gulf Breeze UFOs 1992 Sightings*, you asked about the significance of the objects and why they have appeared over Gulf Breeze between the years 1987 to 1992.

In my considered opinion and based on my research, the UFOs have appeared over this particular site because the geographical location of Gulf Breeze on a flat map of the earth (as if the round earth were spread out on a drawing on a table) represents the center of a huge circle drawn on the flat map. This flat circle cuts through the extreme northwest edge of Alaska or the North American continent. At the same time, the same circle cuts through the extreme

southern edge of the South American continent. Hence, all of North America and all of South America rests within this huge circle having a diameter of about 18,600 miles and a circumference of about 58,433 miles. For reasons known to them, the UFOs may have come to Gulf Breeze because it represents the center of this unique circle.

In 1991, I wrote and published an illustrated softcover book called "Great Pyramid Designs, Planet Earth Measures, and Signs of the Times." Within the text and drawings, I explained my theory about the site of Gulf Breeze and why the UFOs have appeared over this particular location between 1987 and 1992.

Yours very truly,
Kenneth Lloyd Larson

TIMES, Shreveport, LA - Oct. 21, 1992 CR: K. Turner

▼ LECTURE

Ex-Shreveporter describes her 'abduction' by aliens

By JENNIFER RAMPEY
The Times

Something Dr. Karla Turner said during her lecture on UFOs and alien abduction Tuesday moved Tom Wilson.

"She triggered some memories in my past that might lead to a past abduction," the Shreveporter said. "I think it would be conceded to believe we're the only beings in the universe."

Wilson was one of more than 50 believers and non-believers who went to LSU-Shreveport's Student Union Auditorium to hear Turner, a former Shreveport resident, lecture on her newly released book, *Into the*

Fringe, her account of her experiences as an abductee.

Locals who had experienced time lapses or similar experiences talked openly after Turner's almost two-hour discussion, in which she described cases ranging from mild to hellish.

Turner said she used regression hypnosis to delve deeper into her experiences, which are often buried beneath denial by most abductees.

"We know aliens can alter our perception of our surroundings and they can control what we think we see," Turner said. Alien physical appearances range from insectlike to metallic in nature.

Turner, who attended Woodlawn High School and LSU, was a university teaching fellow and instructor for more than a decade.

Her book is at Keep Coming Back bookstore, 312 Oakley Drive and City Bookstore, 1917 Creswell Ave. It costs \$4.99.



Turner

For more information

■ **Long Beach:** Psychological counselor Terry Johnson has organized UFO discussion and support groups, (310) 435-4110.

■ **Orange County:** A program featuring speakers on the subject of UFOs is held the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Visions and Dreams metaphysical bookstore, 1804 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa, (714) 650-0730. A support group for abductees meets on the first Friday of each month at varying locations in Orange County. Call Melinda Leslie at (714) 760-0275.

■ **Los Angeles area:** The UFORUM, a lecture series open to the public, is held the last Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 11338 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. (213) 874-8185.

The Close Encounter Research Organization offers a support group for abductees and people who think they have had an encounter with a UFO. Write to Yvonne R. Smith, c/o CERO, P.O. Box 131, Verdugo City, Calif. 91046.

Further reading

The following is a sampling of books about UFO encounters and related topics:

- "Intruders," by Budd Hopkins
- "Watchers," by Raymond E. Fowler
- "Secret Life," by David M. Jacobs, Ph.D.
- "Silent Invasion," by Ellen Crayall
- "Clear Intent," by Barry Greenwood
- "Dimensions," by Jacques Vallee
- "Communion," by Whitley Strieber

DAILY NEWS, Anchorage, AK
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SOUTHCENTRAL

STRANGE LIGHTS SPOTTED IN AFOGNAK ISLAND SKY

KODIAK — Gary Peterson, Peter Witson and Brian Wilson still don't know what they saw in the night sky off Afognak Island. But they had never seen anything like it before.

The three men were aboard Wilson's boat, the FV Cable Nissenen, anchored in McDonald's Lagoon a little more than a week ago.

Whitson spotted the odd lights when he stepped out on deck. He called to his friends and they all watched for about five minutes as a bright light much larger than a star repeatedly blinked off in one place and immediately flashed on someplace else.

"We never saw a ship," Peterson said. We saw a set of lights, one over the other, move from spot to spot instantaneously without leaving a streak."

When he inspected it through binoculars, Whitson said, "you could see another smaller light just below it. When it was real bright it looked a little bluish to me, like Sirius, the star."

But Whitson said he never saw a star act like that.

"It wasn't a star," he said. "Stars don't jump around."

Peterson agreed. "It was much brighter than the stars, almost as intense as a strobe light, much bigger than a star," he said.

"We definitely saw something we don't know what it was. It had nothing to do with anything in our experience."

Wilson reported the sighting to the Coast Guard; an agency spokesman said the description didn't sound like a flare or any kind of distress signal.

— Nell Waage
Kodiak Daily Mirror

Search of space conjurs up spooky stories

Recently, NASA scientists gave simultaneous commands to computers and radio receivers to begin to scan the heavens for signals from life on other planets. They're hoping to intercept a communication, decode it and send a reply that should get back to the senders in ... oh, say, about 1,000 years.

The scientists chose an appropriate day for such a launch — Columbus Day, exactly 500 years from the time Christopher Columbus ventured into this New World.

From my own standpoint, it was perfect timing. My friend and I are fixing up my barn loft for a joint birthday-Halloween party for her daughter, and reaching back into our memories for some ghost stories to tell them. No one loves a spine-tingling tale more than me, nor hopes more than me that none of those tales ever actually HAPPEN to me!

I've always kept a repertoire of ghost stories to tell kids at parties and over the last few years I've begun to add some UFO sto-

Sarah Overstreet



ries to the stash. That started when some very normal appearing folks in my city began holding meetings of an international group called MUFON — Mutual UFO Network. They're a group of people from many walks of life, including some pretty impressive scientists, who research evidence of UFO sightings.

I host a local TV public-affairs program in Springfield, Mo., and I invited some of the MUFON members to be on my show a couple years ago. I'm embarrassed to say I must have had in mind a stereotype of the kind of people they'd be, because when

they showed up I was surprised.

The grand poobah of the local group, John Carpenter, would satisfy the Republican National Convention's Family Values Committee. Carpenter is a psychiatric social worker at a local hospital, and an accomplished jazz pianist who does an occasional nightclub gig. He and his family, which includes adopted Asian children, sit a few rows behind me at the Southwest Missouri State University basketball games, and he may be the loudest fan in the building. One of his jobs in MUFON is to hypnotically regress people who claim to have been abducted by aliens.

John and his MUFON cohorts told me a year's worth of spinnings.

But the one I've added to my repertoire came a while after the cameras stopped rolling. About a week after the program aired, I got a call from a long-time broadcaster, a grand old gentleman in his 70s, who's a household name in these parts. "I saw your interview with the MUFON peo-

ple and told a friend about it," he said. "Could you make me a dub so I could send it to him?"

Perhaps he did have a friend who was interested in seeing the show. But since then, I've wondered if that may have been a pretense to open the subject and gauge my reaction. Once I made it clear that I believed my guests were credible, he told me, "What they're saying is very close to an experience I had...."

The story he told me makes a great one for kids' parties, because he was a kid himself when he says it happened:

"I was 13 years old and had contracted tuberculosis. I got sicker and sicker, and the doctors said I would die. Then one night I had a dream — or thought I did — and awoke in a cold sweat. In the 'dream,' a spaceship took me aboard and placed me on a table within a glass bubble.

"The creatures on the ship did medical procedures on me and I was made to understand that now I would be well and that for

the rest of my life I would be healthier and stronger than normal humans. When the doctor saw me a few days after that dream, he found no trace of the tuberculosis.

"As I said, for years I believed I might have just had a dream.

"Then I began to hear other people recount incidences of being taken aboard alien craft, and their descriptions are much the same as mine right down to the way the creatures looked.

"But what made me really believe the dream might have been real was a train at a railroad crossing. I didn't have a scratch, but when the railroad investigators came and looked at my car, they didn't understand why I wasn't killed."

Happy Halloween. And remember: When you come to a railroad crossing, always stop, look and listen.

SARAH OVERSTREET is a columnist for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

REGISTER, New Haven, CT - Oct. 29, 1992

UNUSUAL ENCOUNTERS

Imagine opening a window in the brain to another reality

By Abram Katz
Register Science Editor

STORRS — Some people might give you incredulous arched eyebrows if you recounted how an alien craft beamed you aboard to undergo a mysterious physical exam by extraterrestrial creatures.

But Kenneth Ring wouldn't. Ring, professor of psychology at the University of Connecticut, has probably listened to more tales of flying saucer abduction than anyone from this world. He takes them seriously, but not literally.



Kenneth Ring
UConn psychologist

Ring, the first researcher to systematically study the vivid visions and feelings of near-death experiences, became interested in descriptions of encounters with Unidentified Flying Objects after reading a book about them in 1987.

Ring's latest studies are contained in "The Omega Project: Near-Death Experiences, UFO Encounters and Mind at Large," a 320-page book recently published by William Morrow and Co.

Ring found that both groups — people who have had near-death experiences and visits from aliens — seem to have similar psychological profiles. People who've seen the pure white light of the afterlife or the large unblinking eyes of aliens are likely to report a history of child abuse, trauma and stress.

Both phenomena may be rooted in an unusually acute psychological sensitivity that not everyone shares, Ring says. Childhood abuse may arouse or trigger this sensitivity.

But Ring emphasizes that this is not necessarily a matter of brain chemistry or neurology. Flying saucers weren't observed until the first atom bomb was dropped, and some UFO encounters may be the result of anxiety about nuclear weapons and planetary destruction. Similarly, some who have near-death experiences may be responding to an increasingly impersonal and materialistic culture.

However, Ring favors a much more esoteric explanation — one that many other psychologists won't touch with a 10-foot phaser:

These people seem to be able to perceive another dimension closed to the rest of us, a power that could mark a new stage in the evolution of the mind, Ring says in an incongruously matter-of-fact manner.

Ring is less interested in the blurry metaphysics of this strange world of the imagination than in the measurable physical and psychological changes that emerge after a near-death experience or a UFO encounter.

"Is there any type of person who is especially susceptible to unusual encounters like near-death experiences or UFO encounters? What are the aftereffects?" Ring asked.

Ring stressed that he has no reason to believe that the planet is being visited by beings from other worlds. "I'm not convinced by any evidence that there are literal spacecraft coming to Earth to do nefarious things to humans," Ring said in his sparse office.

A more likely hypothesis is that the affected groups have brain anomalies, perhaps in the temporal lobe or the limbic system, that

permit them to have near-death experiences or UFO encounters, he said.

"Something real has happened to these people. It needs to be looked at. We have a mystery on our hands. Regardless of whether these experiences are blissful or bestial they transform people," Ring said.

Most scientists are convinced that the experiences seem real, but are no more than a new kind of neurological condition, or a sort of seizure.

It's difficult to assess the stories of tall thin aliens and elevation on light beams without knowing about the rest of the narrator's life, said Dr. Selby C. Jacobs, professor of psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine.

"I still don't know what to make of it," Jacobs said of a UFO encounter described by a heavy-machine operator with a grade-school education.

"It's not the type of thought content typical of delusional disorders. It's coherent, detailed, highly developed and too graphic," Jacobs said.

"I don't think there was a spaceship," Jacobs added. The man may have experienced an altered state of consciousness, or brought up a childhood trauma in disguise, he said.

"Something funny happened in his brain. I'm not sure it's pathological. I'm willing to accept it as within the realm of human experience," Jacobs said.

Jerome L. Singer, professor of psychology at Yale, said near-death experiences and UFO abductions are legitimate to study as artifacts of the imagination. Victims of childhood trauma sometimes develop extreme bizarre fantasies as adults, Singer said.

Ultimately, both phenomena may represent a strong fear of death through escape or the existence of an afterlife, Singer said.

Or perhaps, Ring said, the people who have these visions have somehow opened a window onto another reality — the "imaginal realm" — a kind of twilight zone altered state between thinking and dreaming.

"Suppose we were aware only of sunlight. Some people might say 'There's another world where sunlight is absent, with a black sky and stars and planets.' If we only lived in a solar consciousness we wouldn't know that exists," Ring said.

More to the point, people who say they've had near-death experiences or UFO abductions "see" objects that they couldn't have seen, Ring said. In one case, a woman who was dead momentarily on an operating table floated above the roof of the hospital and saw a single gym shoe that later was found.

Others who have approached death have seen relatives they never knew or did not know about, Ring said.

"We don't have neurological theory to explain this," Ring said. Nor is there a way to explain why many of these people are left more sensitive to light, sound and other stimuli; with different blood pressure and temperature; different sleep patterns and a greater sense of social concern and spirituality.

The human body or brain may contain as yet unknown sensory organs of a type unimagined, or may be somehow sensitive to extremely low energy fields, Ring said.

Another complication is that while near-death and UFO captures seem similar, they have very different effects on the people who experience them.

Brushes with death typically bring a feeling of security and leave people exhilarated and peaceful, while supposed interactions with aliens cause the opposite reaction. Panic gives way to a sense of violation, and concludes with hatred, anger and confusion, Ring found.

Also, near-death experiences usually happen only once to a person in adulthood, while UFO episodes are frequently recurrent, often starting in early childhood.

"We need to do research to reconcile these facts. We need to go beyond the territory in which most scientists feel comfortable," Ring said.

SENTINEL, Holland, MI - Oct. 5, 1992

UFO reports don't fly, police say

By John Agar
Sentinel staff writer

Holland police say the multi-colored lights that appeared to hover over Lake Michigan — prompting reports of UFOs — late Saturday were from a small airplane.

Mike Arizmendez, 19, and Alex Mendoza, 14, who watched from 10th Street and

Lincoln Avenue, aren't so sure. "I was one of the people who are pretty skeptical. ... (But) I think it is a UFO," Arizmendez said late Saturday.

Said Mendoza: "I saw it. That can't be a plane. Planes don't have blue, white and red lights, like strobe lights."

Mendoza said his mother, Maria, first saw the lights flashing around 10 p.m., told other family members, and called Holland police.

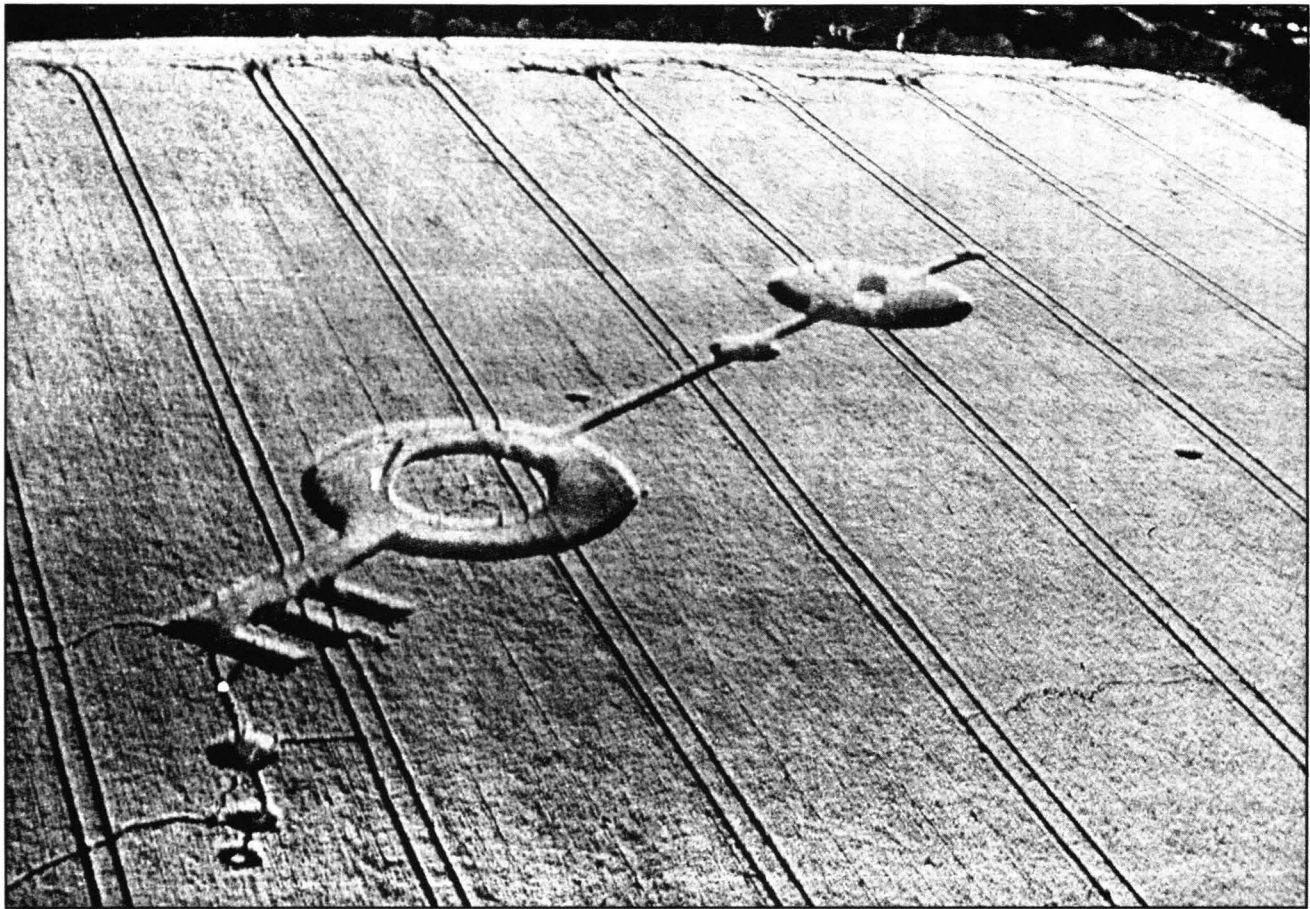
A few officers watched the lights west of the city and used a Hope College telescope for a better view, the teen-agers said. They said police were uncertain what to make of the lights, though at least one officer was convinced it was a plane.

The teen-agers followed police to Kollen Park and watched the shapeless object that traveled west and northwest, and alternately flashed red, white and blue lights.

But Sgt. John Darrow shot down any ideas that extraterrestrials visited Holland.

"It turned out to be nothing," he said. "We called Kent County (International Airport) and they said they had a plane on radar flying from Chicago to Muskegon."

He said clear skies heightened visibility over Lake Michigan and the plane appeared to hover because of its distance from Holland.



From the files of Linda Moulton Howe

A photo taken over the English countryside in 1991 shows a 400-foot-long crop circle. The disfigurement is thought to be a sign of alien visitors.

'I WAS ABDUCTED BY ALIENS!' HOAX OR HORRIBLE TRUTH?

UFO experts to descend on Winterthur

By GARY SOULSMAN
Staff reporter

WINTERTHUR — From the It's a Strange Universe Department: Two UFO experts will recount the evidence for believing in extraterrestrials on Saturday.

Delaware's first public symposium on the controversial topic — "UFOs: Fact or Fancy?" — brings together a Philadelphia-area TV producer and a Temple University history professor who give credence to UFOs, though neither has had the pleasure of being personally visited.

Symposium attendees will hear about visits from aliens who produce new humanoid hybrids by kidnapping people and harvesting their cells.

It's an increasingly common tale in America, one that history professor David M. Jacobs has called an "instant descent into the fantastic and bizarre." But he says the stories are too important "to dismiss as ravings."

The first speaker, at Winterthur's Copeland Lecture Hall, will be TV producer Linda Moulton Howe of Huntingdon Valley, Pa. She'll catalog the types of aliens observed and talk about cattle mutilations and crop circles. Both are often linked to aliens.

"Crops circles [the mysterious patterns made in farm fields] are worthy of study, contrary to what you read in the popular press," Howe says. "Crop

IF YOU GO

What: UFOs — Fact or Fancy?
When: 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Winterthur Museum's Copeland Lecture Hall (in the Visitor's Pavilion)

Information: 324-1022

Tickets: Only a very few remain, at \$3. Must be at least 16 years old.

On the radio: David Jacobs will discuss UFOs and his research on abductions at 10 a.m. today with John Watson on WILM-AM (1450).

circles are not being caused by two old guys in one southern county in England. They've occurred in other places and we're finding fundamental biochemical changes in the plants when the circles are created. These changes cannot be hoaxed."

Howe was supervising producer of the documentary "UFO Report: Sightings" which ran on the Fox network in 1991.

Jacobs, of Wyndmoor, Pa., will join her for the three-hour discussion sponsored by the local chapter of the Mutual UFO Network. MUFON studies reports of UFO's in the First State and northeastern Maryland.

A researcher of this phenomenon for 25 years, Jacobs is interested in the intellectual history of the United

States and has analyzed the way our society confronts hard-to-explain phenomena. In Jacobs' view, there's probably more involved in UFO sightings than mass social hysteria as some skeptics claim.

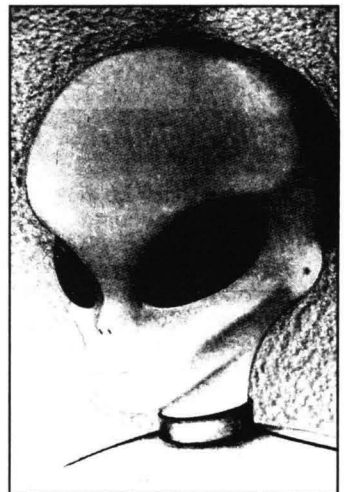
One of his findings in the '70s was that neither the Air Force, the scientific community nor the press has studied UFOs for more than a few years. Though others argue there's been a government cover-up of sightings since they were first publicly reported in the '40s, Jacobs disagrees.

"I don't see the evidence for it," he says.

Jacobs' 1975 book "The UFO Controversy in America" was based on his doctoral studies at the University of Wisconsin. His 1992 book, "Secret Life: The Structure and Meaning of UFO Abductions," reports on 60 people who believe they've been abducted by ETs.

USING hypnosis and interviews, Jacobs found many were traumatized by their experiences, reporting a total of 300 abductions by gray beings with leathery skin and mesmerizing eyes, like deep black pools.

Jacobs explores theories that could explain away the abductions — multiple personality disorder, the influence of science fiction, the collective unconscious, childhood trauma and halluci-



Lisa Dusenberry drew this portrait from a witness's description of a close encounter.

nation. But no explanation accounts for the remarkable similarity of reports among people who did not know each other.

"The abductees were, by and large, not trying to commit a hoax, and who, with one exception, were not mentally disturbed," he writes.

His interview subjects have been a cross-section of the public, people from all walks of life. The implication of what they're saying is this — that aliens are paralyzing them using technology far beyond ours, levitating them through windows, taking them into spacecraft and harvesting a woman's eggs and a man's sperm to produce test-tube humanoids.

Subjects even report seeing children

of such experiments in flying-saucer nurseries and being asked to nurture them. Some also say they were asked to breed in captivity with strangers.

Subjects "were abducted by strange-looking beings, subjected to a variety of physical and mental 'procedures,' and then put back where they had been taken," Jacobs says. "They were powerless to control the event and when it was over, they promptly forgot nearly all of it," though hypnosis brought memories back.

Abductees, who often say they've been taken many times, want the experience to cease. Many feel victimized, remembering painful genital procedures. They also experience time lapses and unusual scars. In being seized, abductees often talk of "physically impossible situations, such as floating through a closed window or communicating telepathically."

Initially, Jacobs wanted to believe the stories a fantasy. Even today, he says, nothing would

make him happier.

Anything seems "better than the possibility that what people were describing had actually happened to them," he says.

But as he's gathered more stories he's come to believe much of the material may be true. Data suggest people are being used to produce "a secret life" for this world or some other.

Hence the title of his book.

Jacobs also has conducted a national study with fellow researcher Budd Hopkins. The

study looks at the prevalence of the abduction phenomenon.

Based on the study, Jacobs believes that 2 percent of the population — or 5 million people — have had experiences like those of abductees. Many people report losing track of hours, finding unexplained scars, unwanted out-of-body sensations or having vivid dreams of UFOs.



EXPERTS PROBE UFO SIGHTINGS

Probe into UFO over Marines base claim

by ALAN THOMSON

FLYING saucer investigators in Plymouth are probing a city man's claim that he saw a UFO over a Royal Marines base.

The strange object was spotted by Philip Da Silva Precious as he waited to catch a bus outside the Moorland Links Hotel at Yelverton.

Mr Da Silva Precious, an employee at the hotel, watched the object with bright orange lights hover and then move slowly through the air towards Bickleigh Barracks.

He had the unidentified flying object in his sight for nearly 30 minutes from its hovering position above a hill until it disappeared into clouds over the barracks.

Mr Da Silva Precious said: "At first I didn't pay much attention to it because it was stationary."

"I thought it was an

Object with orange lights sighted

electricity pylon warning light or a guiding beacon for Plymouth Airport.

"But about 14 minutes later it started to move incredibly slowly in a straight line towards the barracks."

Spinning

"It appeared to be spinning and at one point it changed from its original circular shape into a lozenge shape and then back again."

One Royal Marine at Bickleigh said he was

unaware of any unusual lights in the sky over the base.

Herald columnist and astronomy expert Lawrence Harris said many sightings of UFOs are actually sightings of aeroplanes, weather balloons or planets and stars.

But he added there were no planets or stars in the sky at that time of the reported incident last Wednesday which could have explained the sighting.

It is to be investigated by the Plymouth UFO research group which has already noted up to 40 similar sightings involving objects with bright orange lights.

Bob Boyd, the group's chairman, said: "It sounds like a fairly typical sighting but it is above average because of the long time it was in view."

"The change in shape could be explained by the object turning from an end or front view to a side view."

"On the strength of what I know about the sighting, I would certainly hope to investigate this further."

The group has been collecting information on UFO sightings in the city for 15 years.

Perhaps the most famous sighting, at Down-derry in South East Cornwall last year, was caught on video and featured in the national magazine, *The Unexplained*.

Mr Boyd asked anyone who saw strange activity in that area of sky last Wednesday, or at any other times, to contact him on Plymouth 565255.

NEW LANGUAGE: Mysterious circles cropping up in farmers' fields could be a new language from an intelligent source, says a Vancouver man who studies them.

Chad Deetken of Pacific Research headed for Albertville, located near Prince Albert, after getting a call Monday from farmer Ed Beauchesne, who spotted one of the rings while swathing in his oat field.

"I had almost swathed across the circle when I realized what it was, so I cut around it," he said.

Beauchesne was familiar with circles because one appeared on a relative's farm two years ago.

Deetken arrived Wednesday, by which time Beauchesne had discovered another ring in a wheat field. Deetken has pronounced both circles, each which has an inner and an outer ring, to be the real thing.

"They come from an unknown source, but an intelligent source."

DAILY NEWS, Fort Walton Beach, FL - Sept. 22, 1992

Swedes again attack mystery submarine

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — The navy fired depth charges at a suspected foreign submarine Monday in the second attack against a mystery intruder in less than a week, military officials said.

The attack was launched outside Landsort in the Stockholm archipelago after a hydrophone detected an underwater vessel,

the military said in a statement. A hydrophone picks up sounds in the water, such as from a submarine engine.

There were no reports of a hit by any of the depth charges.

Sweden has reported regular violations of its waters for more than a decade. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, officials have been unable to explain where the intruders have come from.

A PSYCHIC has been taken on a tour in West Lothian — to help UFO experts unravel a mystery sighting.

Ian Shanes was brought in after eight people separately reported seeing a green light descend from the sky and vanish near Blackburn earlier this year.

But, after being driven round the area, the Glasgow psychic was unable to shed any more light on the strange object.

The sighting on August 16 has caused considerable excitement amongst UFO enthusiasts including Ron Halliday, founder of the Scottish Earth Mysteries Research group.

Ron told the Courier that people in Broxburn, Bathgate and Blackburn have claimed they saw a bright green light moving across the sky before going out of sight somewhere between Blackburn and Stoneburn.

"Eight different witnesses have talked about seeing this light moving through the sky at a level lower than the Pentland Hills," he continued.

"It seemed to land between Blackburn and Stoneburn."

"I've spoken to people in that area and they

don't remember seeing anything but somebody must have."

"It's strange that all the sightings have so far come from people who were looking from the north to the south — I've had no reports of anybody seeing the light from the south."

Ron said Mr Shanes was brought to try to use his powers to detect anything unusual in the area where the mystery object appeared to disappear.

"Unfortunately he didn't pick up any definite indications as to what the green light was," reported Ron.

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"It's possible that some leylines might converge in that particular area but we didn't find out anything more than that."

The green light was described by Ron as "a very interesting sighting."

"After all, we have eight people talking about it coming down to the ground and that's a high number of witnesses."

"I've checked the usual places, such as the airport and weather centres, and they don't have explanations for it."

"If anybody did see the green light or knows anyone who did, I'd be delighted to hear from them."

Ron can be contacted outside office hours on 0786 832480.

SUNDAY NEWS & ECHO, Manchester, England - Nov. 1, 1992 CR: T. Good

HILLS TOP FOR UFO SIGHTINGS

By DAVE WRIGHT

THE Pennines is the world's top spot to watch out for aliens.

That's the claim of former Stockport science teacher Jenny Randles, who is Britain's only professional UFOlogist.

And, Jenny reckons, the triangle of high moorland between Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester has been the scene of one third of all alien sightings nationwide.

Jenny, the chief investigator for the British UFO Research Association says the moors immediately outside Oldham and Rochdale are the best places for alien encounters.

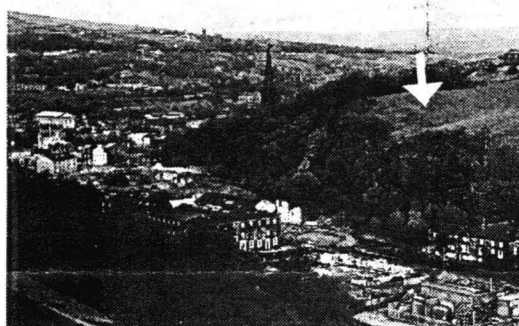
In a new book published this week, Jenny says: "The Pennine Hills on the Lancashire-Yorkshire border has proved undeniably to be Britain's most consistent UFO hotspot."

Abduction

And, in an interview with the News and Echo this week, she revealed: "The best location of all seems to be the Rossendale valley on the county border — stretching in a narrow strip from Rawtenstall in Lancashire over the Yorkshire border towards Todmorden."

"A staggering array of close encounters has been reported in this small zone — including a UFO under a reservoir at Helmsford."

"There have also been everything from fiery earthlights over the moors near Bacup to several abduction cases around Todmorden."



SPACED OUT... the wide open spaces of Todmorden, the best place to spot a UFO

FOLKESTONE HERALD, Kent, England

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Getting to the bottom of those strange sightings in the sky...

Book review by Robert Bush

THE large number of reported UFO sightings makes rejecting their existence on the grounds of science illogical.

This is just one of the theories put forward in *A Question Of Reason* by Rolverden resident Derek Sheffield.

Such thinking, the author contends, could hold back our understanding of the universe, in much the same way as Ptolemy's theory of a universe centred on Earth held back astrological research for a millennium.

He goes on to challenge accepted theories concerning everything from the creation of the universe and formation of the planets, through the basis of religion, to the distribution of mankind and the existence of life on other planets.

While many of the pictures will mean

nothing to laymen, the book can still be read by those with limited knowledge.

The author's conclusions are based on the application of logical thought to known facts, as well as knowledge acquired through a deep interest in astronomy and a background in aviation.

Mr Sheffield's flying career began as a pilot at Biggin Hill, from where he moved to Africa to work first as an aerial surveyor for the RAF, and then for the West Africa Airways Corporation.

He now directs a consultancy working in the printing field while putting together his second book on an altogether different topic — a humorous look at Kent country life in wartime.

A Question Of Reason is published on 20 August, price £11.95.

Public told aliens aren't dangerous

By Art Robinson of The StarPhoenix
 Aliens abducting Saskatchewan residents aren't up to anything evil, says Dr. Laurie Vassos.
 "They have some scientific purpose in mind," said the city physician who has met with several people who believe they have been abducted.
 "Once abductees realize the intent isn't to harm them, they feel better. The problem is, they just don't understand," said Vassos, who is sponsoring a seminar in Banff in November on extraterrestrial intelligence.
 "Although these people are traumatized by their experiences, it seems to come from their not seeming to understand what is going on," said Vassos.
 "People shouldn't feel that they could be next. It seems to be happening to those selected as kids in the late '40s and early '60s."
 Vassos contacted Rima Laibow, a psychiatrist in the New York City area, when he became overwhelmed by the people getting in touch with him.
 Laibow came to Saskatoon in 1989 to help sort out what the four people had to say about aliens while under hypnosis.
 In all four cases, there were unaccounted-for lapses in time and memories of being floated away by four-foot-high visitors and stories of medical experimentation.
 Laibow was interviewed by phone from New York.
 "I saw there (in Saskatoon) what I've seen in other places — credible people telling me incredible stories. They believe what they saw."
 She said her interest is in the origin of the events: "Did it come from outside or inside themselves? So many people tell the same story. I don't have the answers."
 Laibow said it doesn't matter whether she believes in UFOs.
 She has heard of experiences similar to those told in Saskatoon

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Man Alive

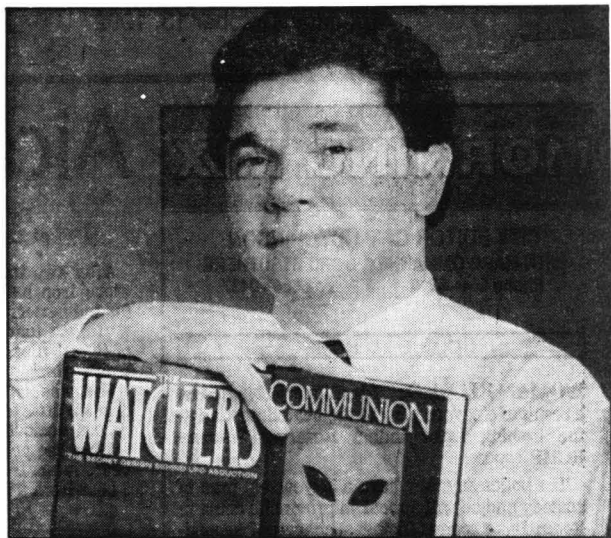
Tonight, 8 p.m. on CBC
"People who have reported encounters with UFOs."

The StarPhoenix

about interaction between craft and beings which don't come from our planet.
 "The UFO contact experience seems connected with parapsychology."
 This could include knowing things in advance and transmitting thoughts.
 A former Saskatoon woman now living in the Regina area said it happened with her.
 "Well... yes," said Margaret when asked if she had any such experiences.
 "I was there when the students were shot in China (at Tiananmen Square). I can remember being on the street and could see the young people being shot."
 She dreamed it at night.
 "Then we turned the radio on in the morning and heard it."
 She also saw a bus crash in Saskatchewan before it happened.
 Vassos said he never expected to delve so deeply into the subject when he went to hear a lecture on UFOs by New York nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman at the U of S in 1987.
 At the time, Friedman talked about a coverup by the United States government.
 Vassos wrote to him. In turn, Friedman called and said he'd been contacted by a woman in northern Saskatchewan who wanted help.
 That's when Vassos became directly involved in the study of ex-

"I saw there (in Saskatoon) what I've seen in other places — credible people telling me incredible stories."
 —Rima Laibow

traterrestrials.
 "I thought maybe she had psychiatric problems and needed some help in sorting this out."
 He contacted her and didn't feel he was dealing with someone suffering psychotic delusions.
 He asked a clinical psychologist to do a psychological profile. This doctor didn't believe in UFOs.
 He reported no evidence of psychosis. Her cognitive functioning appeared intact. Her judgment to develop insight was good. However, he suggested she get support psychotherapy as she seemed to be distressed over something which had happened.
 A local psychiatrist put her under hypnosis and she appeared to get "anxious" when she returned to the memory of seeing a light at the foot of her bed.
 "He thought her reactions were appropriate for someone who had a frightening experience," Vassos reported.
 Following this, three others who had experiences were brought to his attention and he called Laibow.
 Under hypnosis with Laibow, they were able to "break through" the barrier about the light seen by Mary and hear what she had to say about being floated out of bed.
 Arguments have been presented against the possibility of UFOs visiting Earth and contacts with aliens.
 Some say they result from hypnotists "leading" the person to remember certain events. After the



Dr. Laurie Vassos thinks there is a scientific purpose behind abductions by aliens

hypnotism, the person believes even more strongly than before that certain events occurred.
 On the matter of UFOs, many scientists argue it isn't possible for craft to fly back and forth between planets or star systems.
 University of Saskatchewan astronomy professor Stan Shadick said there's no astronomical basis for believing UFOs have visited Earth.
 He said the distance is too great.
 "Improvements in technology can't overcome basic laws of physics. You can't speed faster than light."
 Other star systems are hundreds of light-years away.
 Shadick said some astronomers are looking for life elsewhere by trying to find radio signals but to date have not been successful.

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Eerie light seen over Pollington

Mystery lights in the sky have been spotted by a Pollington reader.
 Following last week's report of a mysterious golden glow seen over the southern part of Goole, a *Times & Chronicle* reader reports seeing what may have been the same light.
 A Pollington woman saw a bright light in the sky over Goole late on the same Sunday evening as reported in this newspaper last week.
 "The light was stationary and then moved towards Pollington and in a westerly direction," she said. "I watched it for just under five minutes."
 The woman insisted this week that the bright light was not an aircraft. Observations of the phenomenon through binoculars suggested there were probably four additional lights near the glow.
 "Aircraft fly regularly over this area, but there were no engine sounds or flashing lights or landing lights you see on aircraft flying at night," she added. "It was quite eerie."
 The mystery continues with a Swinefleet resident spotting what may be a second light on the same evening.
 The initial sightings were on Sunday, August 16, at around 9.30 pm, but a lady in Swinefleet now says she saw a bright light come down near the village about an hour later.
 "I was watching television and could see out of the room window," she said. "Suddenly I saw a light outside. It was incredibly bright and tinged with blue."
 The lady said the glowing light came straight down, briefly lighting up the area as it did so.
 Thinking it may be a flare from a ship in distress, the lady and her husband rushed to the river bank, but could see no trace of anything.
 "I have never seen anything like it before," she said. "It came down at an angle of about forty-five degrees, and then everything just went dark again."
 The lady said she has seen shooting stars many times previously and is convinced this light was not a meteorite as it was too big and bright.
1962 sighting
 A Goole pensioner has responded to our UFO story - by telling us of a sighting 30 years ago.
 Mrs Gladys Basson (78), of Murham Avenue, was living in Scarborough at the time when she spotted the mysterious sight above her back garden.
 The strange event occurred at 6am on the day she was to move back to Goole, way back in November 1962.
 Mrs Basson said: "I was facing the back garden when all of a sudden I saw this round, grey-looking instrument making no sound, coming down. It landed at the top of the garden."
 "It was round and eight to ten feet long. The bottom was grey and about a foot high. The top was round with little outlets, which are still very clear in my mind."
 Mrs Basson called the *Times & Chronicle* after we reported a UFO sighting near Field House Farm in Goole last week.
 "I am telling you because I know people will laugh at me and not believe the story. It is so difficult to convince people," said Mrs Basson.
 "I looked at this thing and could not believe my eyes. I went to the door to go outside, but then got a bit frightened and came back in."
 "Then it shivered, still making no sound, and floated away in the opposite direction."
 "It made no mark on the ground - there was no trace of it at all," she said.

Military behind mysterious lights

By James Parker of The StarPhoenix
 Cancel your plans for intergalactic travel.
 Those mysterious bright lights observed south of Saskatoon on Monday night were apparently caused by a military exercise at the Dundurn military base.
 "We had a group training for a competition in Norway," Maj. Gerry Barr, commander of the Canadian Forces base, said Thursday.
 "They were using para-flares which go up into the air and spread out into a star shape."
 The spectacular celestial display left motorists agape Monday. Tim Clifford and Barb Sheridan were heading south on Highway 219 when they saw 10 lights blinking on and off. The lights would appear in a different formation on each occasion.
 Clifford and Sheridan phoned The StarPhoenix with their tale. After it was published, several others contacted the paper with similar stories.
 Barr said the flares used by the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry emit a light similar to the illuminations seen by travellers Monday.
 "You get different patterns depending upon the number of flares. They are used to detect movement in the field, so if you fire one, it illuminates the whole area."
 The talk of UFO sightings in the Dundurn area prompted some people to camp out and wait for a visit from space aliens. One man who requested anonymity said he didn't want to miss the opportunity of a lifetime.
 "We think there's something out there," said the man, who stood vigil with his wife and two children at a spot just north of the Dundurn base.
 "Even if it was a military exercise, that doesn't preclude the possibility of the existence of (UFOs)."

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Helen Chapman... 'I'll sue them'

Star war erupts over our UFOs

By GUY KER
 SPACED-out sky-watchers are locked in a bitter feud that threatens to become one of the strangest legal battles ever seen in Queensland.
 The bizarre battle has split the State's 36-year-old UFO research organisation into rival factions each claiming close encounters — of a kind.
 Breakaway leader Mrs Helen Chapman has accused former colleagues of dabbling in "superstitious and mythological beliefs".
 "They've lost the plot completely. I'm not interested in fairies, goblins and ghosts," she said.
 But ufologist Mr Martin Gottschalt, who yesterday admitted placing believers under hypnosis to extract details of extra-terrestrial experiences, has labelled Mrs Chapman a hypocrite.
 Mr Gottschalt is a member of the Saint Germain Foundation, a little-known religious sect started in America in 1936.
 His editorials for the society magazine contain a strong Utopian theme but he denied he was confusing science with religion.
 Mr Gottschalt confirmed he knew a trained psychologist who occasionally put members under hypnosis to investigate "abductions" by alien beings. Under therapy, clients recounted experiences which inferred sexual encounters with extra-terrestrial bodies, though there was no proof.
 Last week, Mrs Chapman announced she had officially registered the name of the august sky-gazing organisation with the Justice Department and threatened legal action against former associates who tried to call her bluff.
 "If anyone else calls themselves UFO Research Queensland I'll sue them," she warned.
 "All this stuff about having sex with little green men is totally absurd."
Circle poser
 CIRCLES which have appeared in British fields may be a test of human intelligence by a life force from space, says educationalist Barbara Davies.
 "It is something they want us to solve," she told a conference.
 Researcher Lucy Pringle said a circle gave her a rush of energy which healed a pulled muscle

Comment

Friend or UFO?



■ As UFO watchers prepare to meet in Yorkshire, CHARLES HUTCHINSON reports on one man's close encounter of the unidentified kind.

Close encounters of the alien kind in Yorkshire

THE world changed for Tony Dodd early one morning in 1978.

It was 2.30am, and the North Yorkshire police officer was on duty in the Skipton area, when he was confronted by a bright, silent object. "I had served in the RAF and so I knew about aircraft, and I knew that this thing did not compare with anything I'd seen before."

He had no camera at hand, but an ink drawing on the study wall of his Grassington home records his close encounter of the UFO kind, Mr Dodd pictured standing defiantly by his car, a 100ft saucer with three pads shining above him.

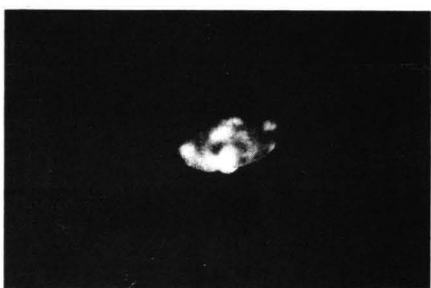
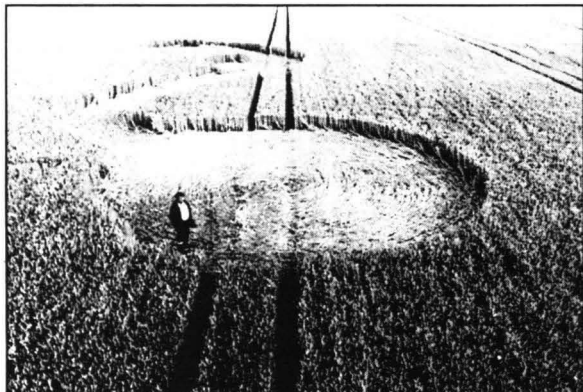
How did he feel at the time? "Absolutely staggered. You come round the corner and suddenly find this thing in front of you. You tend to..." His words faded away, no doubt as they did on that fateful night. "I stood with my mouth open looking at it. I mean what do you do when you see something like that?"

"I wasn't frightened. It was more an enormous curiosity that took over from any fear, as there was never any suggestion of hostility."

He has since dedicated himself to discovering more. "I was determined I was going to find out the what the hell this thing was. Little was I to know where it would lead me."

Captain Kirk would die for a script this good, but Tony Dodd is no Kirk. Recently retired after 25 years' police service, he is the full-time director of research for Quest International, Europe's largest independent UFO research organisation. In demand worldwide as a guest speaker and lecturer, he is the British expert in the largely uncharted waters of alien abduction. He is 57, married, his wife Pauline being equally committed to UFO investigation.

This Saturday, Mr Dodd will be among the speakers when the 11th United Kingdom conference on UFOs and crop circles lands at the



■ Above: Are crop circles caused by alien intelligence, whirlwinds or practical jokers?

■ Left: Tony Dodd's photograph of a UFO at Addingham, November 7 1983. Validated by Ground Saucer Watch in America.

Civic Theatre, Cookridge Street, Leeds.

Driving to Grassington to meet him, you pass the Menwith Hill listening station with its crop of surveillance golf balls, then head across the open dales. It is easy to think of this corner of North Yorkshire as UFO country, a sensation enhanced when a neat, grey-haired figure - Mr Dodd - opened the door to his neat, grey house, and the sound of ambient music seeped through the floorboards. Suddenly a thunderous roar blistered the sky and the walls shook. "RAF Tornados," said Mr Dodd. How disappointing.

"I tidied up before you came because you can't normally breathe in here," he said, settling in his study amid the computer screens and racks of UFO videos, files and photographic records. In the corner, a fax machine was receiving messages from fellow UFO investigators; on the desk was the latest mail from America, Australia, Japan, Puerto Rico, including X-ray plates from Sweden of a head with a transmitter implanted in the brain. A 24-hour phone hotline awaited calls reporting the latest UFO sightings.

Yet until 1978 he had never thought about unidentified flying

'It's not a case any more of are there UFOs out there. Now it's a case of who's flying them.'
- UFO investigator Tony Dodd, left.

objects - "I was too busy at work" - but then came his experience. "I wasn't alone. There was another policeman with me and his reaction was the same as mine." What happened to him? "I don't know because he left the force shortly afterwards and I lost contact with him as you do." Now, instead, he is in contact with 100 UFO investigators across Britain, a Russian astronaut, retired American colonels, and the Ministry of Defence. Meanwhile, on a visit to the United States last year, two CIA officers were in contact with him, warning him to be "careful with what I was doing."

"This subject isn't just a case of spotting things in the sky. It's gone way, way beyond that now. You see, it's not a case anymore of are there UFOs out there; now it's a case of who's flying them." He delivered such thoughts in a manner so matter-of-fact that you found yourself swept up on his rollercoaster of enthusiasm.

He introduced subjects without prompting: one minute, American authorities investigating 120,000 cattle mutilations; the next, UFO crashes.

As for cases of contact between UFOs and aliens... "these have occurred all over the world. The message coming from them is that we should try to rise above the level where we are now."

"They look at us as barbaric, thinking we fight primitive, feudal wars. They're right. Basically they operate on a higher level to us," said Mr Dodd. "A great part of the message is that we're destroying the planet."

Remember, this is a rational former policeman speaking. There is not a trace of David Icke purple either in his prose or clothes.

What does he say to sceptics? "When you have been involved in investigating these things as I long as I have you can give an objective view. But it's no good just turning round and saying what a load of rubbish. If they spend time studying and then say what a load of rubbish, then fine, but don't just dismiss it."

His own interest will never waver. "I have so many answers now, but one answer leads to another question. I think people like me will be the ones to force governments to release information slowly and bring it out into the open eventually."

Perhaps more calls to the 24-hour hotline on 0756 752216 will help. Let's try. "This is the UFO hotline of Quest International. Unfortunately no one is in to take your call." C'est la vie.

Vatican sets evangelical sights on outer space

By Bruce Johnston
In Rome

THE Roman Catholic Church is to team up with America's space agency to look for life in outer space and so spread the Gospel to extra-terrestrials.

Jesuit priests who run the Vatican Observatory near Rome say they are joining forces with the US Nasa agency to hunt for UFOs and signs of life on planets in solar systems similar to Earth's.

Nasa's job will be to monitor for "alien" communication signals; the Vatican, which has helped to build a new reflector telescope in Tucson, Arizona, would search for planets displaying conditions for life.

The Vatican's new telescope, which Father George Coyne, director of the Vatican Observatory, said would be "ready for use within the next few days, and unveiled to the public in January", is a joint venture with the University of Arizona.

He said it was "not the most powerful in the world, but certainly the most novel" and the most accurate.

Should intelligent alien life be found, Fr Coyne said, "the Church would be obliged to address the question of whether extra terrestrials might be brought within the fold and baptised."

"Why not, if we have the pleasure of meeting them?" asked the Jesuit astronomer, who with nine other clerics runs the Observatory in Tucson, another in Canada, and the Vatican Observatory.

Fr Coyne said the Church's attitude to science had radically changed since the Inquisition, which demanded in 1633 that Galileo should back down from his theory that the earth was not the centre of the Universe.

He added that for the Church to suddenly find itself meeting an extra terrestrial being could pose "complications from a theological point".

"First of all", Fr Coyne said, "one would need to put some questions to him, such as: 'Have you ever experienced something similar to Adam and Eve, in other words original sin?'"

And then: "Do you people also know a Jesus who has redeemed you?"

Phenomenon unexplained

Cold-eyed non-terrestrials in a transparent cupola terrified two women, according to the UFO association's magazine. While out walking one evening the Hamar women, aged 22 and 30, became aware of a loud vibrating noise and were momentarily blinded by a powerful white light which stung their eyes. In the light source the women made out a triangular shape topped by a clear dome in which sat two "beings" with large, cold, penetrating black eyes. At a distance of just two metres one of the women claimed she looked into a pair of wicked eyes.

After hurrying home the terrified twosome heard the same loud humming and feared the space travellers' craft was going to come into their house. Both women experienced nose bleeding and became deaf. One claimed her vision had been affected and both described how they had felt drained of energy for a month after their meeting with the unknown.

"A near contact of the third grade" was how UFO Norge characterised the women's experience. In 90 to 95 per cent of reported sightings they found natural explanations, but in this case there was nothing to explain the phenomenon.

UFOs fly off Coral Sea bases - expert

A FLYING saucer researcher claims that UFOs are using offshore bases in the Coral Sea as launching pads to home in on south-east Queensland.

Jeffrey Spiro, 39, co-ordinator for the Sunshine Coast branch of UFO Research Queensland, says UFOs have been reported emerging from and vanishing into the sea, particularly off Point Cartwright near Mooloolaba.

But he refuses to say exactly where they are, fearing public reaction.

There has been an increasing number of sightings since early June over an area ranging from Caboolture north to Noosa.

Mr Spiro, who is responsible for tabulating information on sightings, said yesterday: "It is a known fact that UFOs are attracted to water bodies - inland and the sea - as well as mountains, they provide them with an upwelling of energy."

"The Sunshine Coast is a natural target. It has mountains and sea in close proximity. Mount Coolool, for instance, is the largest monolith in Australia after Ayers Rock."

"These craft can use the grid system - the ley lines - for their energy source."

"Scientists have learnt a lot about these grid patterns from the ancients. That's why nuclear weap-

By ARTHUR GRAY

ons are always detonated on a grid line."

Mr Spiro said his association has recorded a rash of sightings and strange lights at night over the Glasshouse Mountains, Woombye, Pomona and as far north as Noosa.

"UFOs operate from tunnels under the water and underground. The entire planet is a labyrinth of tunnels," he said.

He believes that miners blasted one such tunnel by accident in the Gympie goldfields around 1920, but authorities quickly closed it off fearing an influx of water.

One bizarre recent sighting was made by three school girls at Woombye, south of Nambour, earlier last month.

The girls were on a trampoline when they spotted a brightly lit craft with black bulges on its sides hovering above them.

They claimed a door opened at the bottom of the craft, the top arched and a figure with a large head and a long thin torso stood in the doorway.

Said Mr Spiro: "The girls became hysterical. They were taken aside and drew what they had seen. The drawings were almost identical."

UFO watcher Harry Roy said he was convinced that UFOs were using a tunnel in the Glasshouse Mountains.

Mystery of the 'misty' light

MORE Advertiser readers have reported strange lights at night.

Mrs. Norah Grimshaw saw the latest one in Parbold on Sunday.

Having read the account of strange lights over Bickerstaffe in last week's paper, she contacted us.

Some time between 11.30 p.m. and midnight she was seeing visitors to their car outside her home in Tanfield Nook, Parbold.

"We were out in the road seeing my brother and his wife off," she said.

Then she saw the strange light.

"It went across the sky. I said 'Look at that light.' It was like a disc and misted over."

"It moved across the sky and disappeared behind the roof of the bungalow across," she said.

Foggy

Mrs. Grimshaw said the disc was light-coloured. "I have seen things near the Robin Hood which had been brilliant lights in the evening, but this was something different."

"It was a disc misted over as if it was foggy over it."

Miss Janis Mellor said that she had seen a bright orange disc-shaped light from the bedroom of her home in Delph Park Avenue, Aughton, at 11 p.m. on Saturday, August 1st.

"I saw a bright orange disc shape darting about, coming almost to a stop, then quickly moving off again," she said.

"The really strange thing was that it was totally silent, and the light was constant, not flashing, like an aeroplane would have been."

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Nurse's 'discs' in sky' riddle

TWO RECENT sightings of disc shapes in the skies over Bickerstaffe have puzzled a local nurse.

Eileen Harrison has lived at Moss Farm, Coach Road, since moving there as a child 31 years ago.

She is not given to flights of fancy and before Saturday, July 25th, she had never seen anything unusual in the night sky (writes MATTHEW HORN)

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Crop circles are the key to human survival: expert

By Tom Fremantle

EXTRA TERRESTRIAL beings are creating crop circles in the Marlborough area according to a top German anthropologist.

Circle watcher Michael Hesemann has put together a video which claims the phenomenon is some kind of message from an alien intelligence.

Mr Hesemann, who has been staying at the Merlin Hotel in Marlborough during the filming, thinks the circles are formed by intense heat generated by UFOs above the crop fields.

"They are not little space craft hovering around," he said. "The force creating the circles is often high up in the sky."

"All the patterns created by the UFOs are very positive."

"They are a message that we

should be preparing ourselves for the greatest moment in human history when we will make open contact with an alien culture."

"Only by doing this and looking at things from a different perspective will humanity be able to survive."

Mr Hesemann, who works in Dusseldorf, admitted many of the circles this year were hoaxes, but thought some were genuine.

He rubbished the purely scientific answer to the corn circle riddle based on the theory of cold air colliding with warm air.

"The theory I believe in is both scientific and spiritual, it takes account of everything," he said.

"I would say to my critics that they are not prepared to study the evidence and I challenge

them to come up with a better solution.

"There is a lot of disinformation about corn circles."

Mr Hesemann and camera man Peter Heppa headed back to Germany yesterday (Thursday) after over a month of filming.

The video, which includes interviews with local people as well as circle experts, was shown at the Merlin Hotel on Tuesday evening.

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UFO EXPERT LOOKS INTO SIGHTING...

'Visitors from outer space target Cheshire'

A UFO expert is investigating claims that a Poynton man has seen an Unidentified Flying Object above the village.

Roy Dutton, an aeronautical and mechanical engineer also

from Poynton, believes visitors from outer space could have targeted Cheshire for an exploratory visit.

The man, who does not wish to be named, lives on Dickens Lane and saw a bright, bluey-white coloured light flash past his front window late at night.

The light was travelling at great speed beneath the clouds from the Lyme Park direction towards Macclesfield before it suddenly disappeared as it hurtled towards the ground.

The spotter said: "I don't know if I believe in UFOs, but this has definitely swayed me because it was definitely not a plane - it was far too fast."

"There was something there but I just can't say what it was - it was strange."

Roy has spent at least 25 years studying UFOs and other phenomena like the crop circles, said according to his data, the bright light was almost certainly from space.

He said: "The timing and the direction looks good because it

fits in with the astronomical pattern of sightings I have discovered in my years of study."

"I would say this is a UFO because it has got most of the characteristics and it was following a horizontal type of projection."

Roy explained that the object wasn't a meteorite because of its colour and the way it disappeared.

"This disappeared like it did because if it was something from space, it would cool off as it approached earth, which would slow it down and reduce its energy."

"A meteor is like a fireball which just burns itself out, but this was probably the wrong colour."

A spokesman at the Jodrell Bank space centre, said he saw the light on the same day but he thought it was a meteorite.

He said: "Lots of people saw the flash of light, which certainly wasn't local, and it was very dramatic but it wasn't a UFO."

staffe Church.

She does not claim that she saw visitors from outer space but she would like her sightings to be explained.

■ Calls to Aughton Met Office and the control tower at Liverpool Airport failed to solve the mystery. A Met Office spokesman said: "What has been described has nothing to do with anything we send up."

He said in the past laser shows from Blackpool created strange lights, but the resort's illuminations don't start before September.

UFOs spotted above Alawa

Some Alawa residents believe they sighted unidentified flying objects on Friday night.

John Middlemiss was feeding his baby when he went outside to look at a light drizzle which fell about midnight on Friday.

"I looked up at the clouds and I saw three really bright lights," Mr Middlemiss said.

"They were in a straight line and I ran inside and woke up my wife and a friend of ours to come out and have a look."

"They were moving in different directions and at different times."

"It lasted about four or five minutes and then they disappeared one by one."

Fred Brooks, who also saw the lights, said they appeared to be coming from an easterly direction.

"They looked like they were in a southern cross pattern - one at the top, one at the bottom and the other off to the right in the centre."

"I took some photos of them but unfortunately, all I photographed was the top of the trees."

By a STAFF REPORTER

Glenda Middlemiss said she noticed two different lights in the object that was floating at the top of the others.

"None of us have seen anything like it - they moved off in different directions, at different speeds and virtually disappeared into nothing."

An Air Traffic Controllers spokesman said there were no aircraft in the area at midnight or just after.

Another Alawa resident also reported seeing the lights, the spokesman said.

A Weather Bureau spokesman said weather balloons, which were mistaken for UFOs earlier this week, were released at 8 pm and 2 am.

A RAAF Base spokesman said there was no record of lights or sightings recorded in the log book from Friday night.



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Tales of creature called 'Caddy' rise from sea

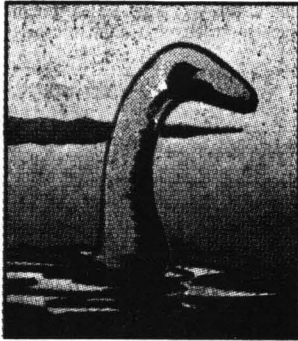
By SCOTT GORMAN
Herald Writer

Many of the kids at your door or Halloween party tonight will be dressed up as rather typical, universal monsters — vampires and werewolves and such.

But if they had a shred of coastal Northwest pride, at least one would be decked out as a Caddy, the elusive sea creature that once or twice a year reportedly pokes its graceful neck up from north Pacific coastal waters, surprising onlookers.

Dubbed "Cadborosaurus" and nicknamed "Caddy" by researchers at the University of British Columbia (after Cadboro Bay near Victoria, where the creatures are sometimes spotted), the creature is a rather large marine animal that resembles the fabled Scottish Loch Ness Monster. And like Nessie, Caddy turns up just enough to keep up his or her mystique.

Doris Sinclair, a Lake Stevens resident, had an encounter with a Caddy in February near Ocean Shores on the Washington coast.



The Herald/JUDY STANLEY

"I was at a spot on the jetty sitting on the rocks, and I spotted him — I say him but who knows — about 30 feet from where I was sitting," Sinclair says.

The sea was calm on that sunny winter day. From where Sinclair sat, the ocean was on her right and Grays Harbor was on her left.

"I saw this wonderfully long

"What's out there? That's still an open question. But it is some sort of marine animal with a long neck, a horsey face, with a big mouth and eyes."

slender neck just rise up out of the water," Sinclair says. "He made this nodding motion, precisely the same motion as it rose out of the water four or five times. I only saw the neck and head, about five or six feet out of the water.

"It suggested elegance. It had a kind of dignity about it."

Sinclair lost sight of the Caddy when it was about 500 feet from shore.

"I felt honored," she said of the sighting, but then became somewhat self-conscious as she planned how to share her experience with her family.

"My husband was thoughtful but

skeptical, my kids interested," she says. "But then I told my brother. He said 'Uh . huh.' ..."

At that point, Sinclair decided to keep the Caddy to herself.

"It's uncomfortable to be disbelieved," she says.

That concern about being labeled as a bit of a kook might keep other Caddy spotters from coming forward, says Paul LeBlond, a professor of Oceanography at the University of British Columbia. But there's something out there, he says, and it's worth studying.

"What's out there? That's still an open question," LeBlond says. "But it is some sort of marine animal with a long neck, a horsey face, with a big mouth and eyes. All the reports are about the same, although some say it's furry, like a seal."

About one or two credible sightings of the Caddy are made each year, LeBlond says, "by very rational and reasonable people who are sometimes embarrassed about what people might think."

With a colleague, LeBlond has done extensive research into the "sea-monster" question, conducting surveys about sightings and looking back into anecdotal history. In their paper "Observations of Large Unidentified Marine Animals in British Columbia and Adjacent Waters," they discuss sightings dating from the turn of the century, and note the similarity of the Caddy to creatures from coastal Indian legends.

Hardly anyone has seen the creature below the neck, LeBlond says, but its neck and head size suggest a Caddy "about as large as a VW Beetle."

Caddy documenting is a hobby and not a formal course of study for LeBlond, but he considers the work worthwhile.

"It's a very valid scientific question: Could there be something out there that has not yet been caught or glimpsed?"

Sinclair, who LeBlond characterizes as "highly credible" in her account, was relieved when she first contacted LeBlond last spring.

"He wasn't a bit surprised," she said. "It was good to be affirmed in that way by someone in the field."

So Sinclair decided to share her experience with our readers.

"What I saw was so marvelous, you want to share," she says. "I think others must have seen something like this, and feel reluctant, as I did, because of the terribly skeptical reaction they might receive."

"I hope this makes them feel less reluctant."

Virgin visions a headache for city, church officials

By Ari L. Goldman
The New York Times

NEW YORK — At first blush, a report of a visit from the Virgin Mary — in traditional Christian belief, the very mother of God who lives in heaven with him — sounds like a wonderful event in the life of a local church and its community. But local bishops, municipal officials and others can find such a report more of a burden than a blessing.

Reports of such visions have increased sharply across the country in recent months, church authorities say, bringing with them a host of problems from the sacred to the mundane.

Local bishops must decide whether to give the church's official endorsement to the phenomena as genuine spiritual experiences.

Mayors and police chiefs must handle crowds of pilgrims and sightseers who flock to each new sighting. And neighbors of the self-proclaimed visionaries must cope with the consequences of a miracle next door.

Psychologists and others studying the Marian visions speculate that the recent increase could be connected to a variety of factors, including the poor economy and to the approach of the year 2000. Perhaps the most significant factor is the widely publicized series of visions reported by six young people in a mountain village in the Balkans.

In Denver, Catholic Archbishop J. Francis Stafford has named a special committee to investigate a Douglas County woman's purported visions of the Virgin Mary.

Theresa Lopez has claimed to have seen the Virgin Mary several times. Some of the sightings have taken place at the Mother Cabrini Shrine west of Denver, where hundreds have flocked to experience the Virgin's presence.

Lopez said Mary asked her to gather people at the shrine on the second Sunday of each month. But Stafford has discouraged people from gathering in such public places.

Another example of the problems associated with a report of a Marian apparition is the frenzy surrounding a contention by a New



Theresa Lopez

Jersey man that the Virgin will appear to him tonight, for the third time this summer, in the backyard of his home in the township of Marlboro.

The last reported visitation to the home of the man, Joseph Januszkiewicz, on Aug. 2, drew 8,000 people to the sleepy town of 28,000.

For tonight, the neighbors are worried about their lawns and police will turn people away if they perceive a public threat.

But the most delicate problem is that facing the local Roman Catholic prelate, Bishop John C. Reiss of Trenton. He has "directed the faithful" not to attend tonight, but last month he appointed a four-priest commission to study the validity of Januszkiewicz's assertion.

"The last thing a bishop wants is for someone to claim that the Virgin is coming for a visit," said the Rev. Thomas J. Reese, the author of "A Flock of Shepherds," a book about the nation's Roman Catholic prelates that will be published this month by Sheed & Ward.

"It's a no-win situation," Reese said. "If the bishop says anything against the claim, he is accused of being anti-Mary. And if he encourages it, he may end up looking like a fool." Bishops apparently tread lightly where angels may be rushing in.

The church takes reports of Marian apparitions seriously, and in a few cases — the most famous being the 1858 visions of Mary at Lourdes, France, and the 1917 visions in Fatima, Portugal — the church declares that something miraculous has indeed occurred.

When a new vision is reported, it is up to the local bishop to render a ruling on authenticity after a formal investigation.

People studying a reported vision examine the sincerity and sanity of the person who makes the claim, check that the messages relayed contain no doctrinal error and seek evidence that events have strengthened the faithful.

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Conference on strange phenomena shows Russian taste for weirdness

REUTER NEWS SERVICE

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Don't bother calling home, E.T., if you're still out there. Just head for Russia where a grand welcome is certain.

Hollywood's winsome Extraterrestrial creature can even bring along that nasty predator from space movies, Alien, and the folks here will be delighted.

If it's weird and it moves, anything gets the Russian vote of approval, including UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects), largely ignored in the West nowadays. This was the message from the country's first international conference on strange phenomena.

At a four-day run-through of cosmic conundrums, sponsored by a Finnish company ("My boss believes all this stuff," said an aide), the faithful felt vibrations everywhere.

It seemed straight out of California, but this was Russia's second-largest city in the first post-Soviet year.

E.T. and Alien might recognize the bug-eyed little green men from Mars, models of which were sold outside the conference auditorium. Inside, actors portraying somebody like Dracula and his bride added an earthly touch.

Blonde, gum-chewing Tanya, the actress portraying the blood-thirsty count's victim, said: "I have seen a flying saucer. No one believed it but I did."

Never fully suppressed by communism, a centuries-old Russian addiction to magic and miracles has surfaced again to fascinate millions in a period of political and economic chaos.

People are avid for the whole lot from flying saucers to crop circles, from faith healing to things that go bump in the night.

At every street corner, magazines like "It Can't Be," "The Voice of the Universe" and "Almanac Of Wonders, Sensations and Mysteries" are eagerly bought.

In Moscow, a cult has just announced that the world will end Nov. 24, 1993. Envoys of Kiev-based Maria Devi, Founding Mother of the Great White Fraternity, call on people to throw away all their money to aid her Yusmalian church.

Cynical reporters say the preachers themselves are keeping a tight grip on their own wallets.

St. Petersburg, Russia's second city, has already seen a few notable eccentrics, like burning-eyed Rasputin, the royal courtier murdered in 1916 after a career of

religious fervor and sexual orgies.

The conference with its ranks of investigators, believers, detectors, healers, movers, doctors and para-psychiatrists, struck observers as a mixture of some fact and a lot of fantasy.

The host was Vladimir Azhazha, who runs Russia's All-Union UFO Center. He and his followers produce scholarly papers on unexplained phenomena and take a lofty view of "boulvard literature."

"There is no such thing as a non-scientific subject," he says, "only non-scientific approaches."

Speaker after speaker told of hard-to-explain events, some producing slides of landscape oddities in deepest Siberia. A professor from Moscow University's engineering institute ("a serious place") gave an almost incomprehensible lecture on "The Ecology of the Unconscious."

"My extra sensory power comes from space," Lyudmila Vesova, a faith healer, told a journalist.

Two medical doctors also practicing "fringe" techniques demonstrated "energetic emission analysis" whereby energy rays from a subject's fingertips are recorded on photosensitive paper and analyzed.

PRESS ENTERPRISE, Riverside, CA - Sept. 30, 1992

Klamath, Calif. Bigfoot allegedly seen by two boys in forest

Two boys playing deep in a Klamath, Calif.-area forest spotted a smelly, hairy, manlike beast similar to the legendary Bigfoot, according to the father of one the youngsters who photographed huge footprints.

The incident occurred Sept. 12 when 8-year-old Josh Owen and a 12-year-old

companion saw a "big hairy man" about 100 feet away shaking a tree branch.

"The smell was like rotted chicken, it was awful," Owen told The Tri-County newspaper in Crescent City. "He was covered with thick dark brown hair and he was shaking a branch in his hand. We could see his face real good."

Has Lizard Man grown winter coat?

By WARREN BOLTON
Staff Writer

If you don't believe in the Loch Ness Monster, Big Foot or the Lizard Man, maybe it's because you haven't seen them.

Sylvester Arnold never believed the stories. Not until Sunday morning when he and his wife encountered a creature in lower Richland County while on a fishing trip.

As Arnold and his wife walked along railroad tracks in the woods near the Wateree River close to the county line, a creature "appeared out of nowhere."

"I take it to be Big Foot or whatever they call it, Sasquatch. It wasn't an ape and it wasn't a bear," Arnold said.

"It was crossing a bridge. It was furry, I mean like a black fur coat. This thing was huge and it was walking, swinging its arm back and forward," Arnold said.

"I just started sweating. My hair just rolled up on my head. We both panicked when we realized it wasn't human. It never went to all fours. When it was coming toward us it was walking straight up like a man."

Arnold, who lives in Eastover, said he fired a shot in the air with his .22-caliber rifle and the creature headed for the woods. "I got out of there," he said.

Richland County Sheriff Allen Sloan, acknowledging the report wasn't taken totally seriously, said a deputy was sent to the scene. The deputy and Arnold walked the area.

Impressions were found near the railroad tracks, rocks had been disturbed and briars pushed apart. Animal hair found at the scene was later discarded as deer hair.

"I guess all of us like to believe secretly or openly that things like that maybe do exist," Sloan said. "Who am I to say he didn't see something? I was not there."

Sloan said there haven't been any more sightings, but if there is, "I would be willing to go out there personally with my deputies and hunt this one."

Arnold knows many people won't believe his story.

"People might think I'm crazy or think we're crazy and that it's something I made up, but I don't do that," Arnold said. "I wouldn't play a hoax."



Touchet Valley Ramblings

By Vance Orchard
Waitsburg Times Columnist



Paul Freeman

him off and bolted for the tall uncut, he recounted to Freeman.

The Bigfoot disappeared, too, but the long-time mountain range rider is now a firm believer in Bigfoot.

Others who took the time to share with Freeman that weekend told how they had been visited or had come upon a Bigfoot in the Blues.

A woman told Freeman about having a shocking experience in 1947 and again in 1953.

"Several who own cabins told me about hearing them at night and one told about a Bigfoot trying to get inside, scratching on the top of the door, leaving big scratch marks that no bear could have made," he said. "She said she absolutely won't stay overnight at the cabin again."

The role of the psychic in the Bigfoot matter has arisen before. It will show up again, I'm firmly convinced. It did during the weekend for Freeman at the Eastgate mall.

"This woman psychic stopped and told me I would see a Bigfoot again and have an even greater encounter," Freeman said. "She also said she knew early in August that I would have the August 20 encounter."

That, of course, as you recall, was when Freeman shot that video film footage which has been shown on Channel 4 out of Spokane.

That same footage, plus other material shot during a three-day stay in Walla Walla and the Blues will be seen on "Hard Copy," a CBS program. The program is being aired this week on Wednesday and Thursday as a two-part feature, "Hard Copy" officials told us the other day.

Freeman's Bigfoot display was a popular showing at the Eastgate mall. It will be presented in Walla Walla again, this time at the Blue Mountain Mall, in January. Look for it.

And, this coming weekend, at the Downtown Mall in Yakima, in case you're over that way.

BIGFOOT REPORT — Some interesting comments came out of the recent three-day showing by Paul Freeman of his sizable Bigfoot materials collection.

His display in the Eastgate mall Oct. 16-18 drew an estimated 3,100 persons.

Of that better than 3,000 people, Freeman says "between 100 and 200 stopped to sit down and share with me their own Bigfoot experiences."

Oh, you mean other people have seen this Bigfoot thing?

Well, yes, or at least more than 100 on that weekend were willing to talk about such a thing.

Well, I'll be jiggered! And you thought Paul Freeman was just making up all this stuff about seven-foot, furry creatures that walked something like a man!

One of the most interesting people who sat down to corroborate with Freeman on the matter was a man who helped disintegrate one of the favorite responses heard when the Bigfoot matter is broached.

There is this common response: "Oh, you don't believe in that — stuff, do you?"

Then, there is this one: "Well, I've been hunting, fishing, etc. etc., in the Blue Mountains for 40 years (or 56 years or whatever) and have never seen or heard anything like a Bigfoot or tracks."

So, I was particularly intrigued with the man who told Freeman that he had been running cattle in the upper Couse Creek region for some 40 years and had never seen any Bigfoots. He further told Freeman that he was a determined dis-believer in the phenomena for those 40 years.

That all changed last summer, though, he told Freeman.

The man said he was riding his range one day when he came upon one.

Everything came unglued at that point, as his horse bucked



Rob Crowe, director of the Western Bigfoot Society, holds a cast of Bigfoot tracks.

Stalking Sasquatch... Carson celebrates Bigfoot lore

By Joe Wrabek

Saturday and Sunday were "Bigfoot Daze" in Carson, at the Bigfoot Trailer & R.V. Park on Metzger Road.

More than 30 people showed up for the overnight event, which was sponsored by the Western Bigfoot Society, founded last year by Portland bookstore owner Ray Crowe.

The society, described as a "for-profit interest group" by Crowe, publishes a monthly newsletter called The Track Record, conducts field trips and sells copies of castings of Big-

foot prints from around the Northwest.

Crowe said the goal of the event was to promote both the Western Bigfoot Society and Harry Schumacher's Bigfoot R.V. Park.

The R.V. park's logo is a copy of the pointed-head Bigfoot likeness made famous by Carson resident Datus Perry, who has been active in the society.

The Bigfoot Daze idea was borrowed from an annual festival in Happy Camp, Calif., another location where there have

been numerous Bigfoot sightings, Crowe said.

Many of the attendees came with recent personal experiences to share with the experts. While some of the conference was serious, parts were decidedly tongue-in-cheek.

In addition to serious lectures, including presentations by Perry and the International Wildlife Society's Peter Byrne, participants watched the movie "Harry and the Hendersons" and feasted on a free barbecue of Bigfoot Burgers, Yeti Spaghetti and Abominable Potato Salad.

Marine biologist fears sea serpent may be extinct

TERRY GLAVIN
Vancouver Sun

A SEA SERPENT that haunted the B.C. coast until sightings fell off about five years ago may have become extinct, says a worried marine biologist.

Ed Bousfield says he has recently concluded, after an extensive study of sightings of the creature, that the so-called Cadborosaurus is real, after all.

Or was.

"Yes, I'm convinced. Absolutely. The monster lives, down in the deeps," Bousfield told *The Vancouver Sun*.

Or lived.

Formerly with the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa and now a research associate with Victoria's Royal B.C. Museum, Bousfield says he's worried the creature's species may have fallen victim to pollution, habitat alienation or perhaps Asian mid-Pacific fishing fleets.

Native societies of the coast have been familiar with sea serpents like the Cadborosaurus for centuries, but the first "official" sighting occurred in the Queen Charlotte Islands in 1897.

No sightings have been reported since March 1987, when Port Townsend skipper Stephen Bain observed what he believed was a Cadborosaurus swimming near Becher Bay off southern Vancouver Island.

Bousfield says it's always possible that the decline in reports is because people these days haven't heard of Caddy and won't admit to seeing the beast for fear of ridicule. So he's urging mariners to keep an eye out this summer in Georgia Strait (about 70 per cent of summer sightings have historically come from Georgia Strait waters) and report sightings to him at the Royal B.C. Museum.

What to watch for: a strange aquatic beast with a horse-like head, a long, snake-like neck, a dragon-like tail and an over-all length of close to 20 metres.

The Gulf Islands and the bays around southern Vancouver Island appear to be a favorite haunt: The creature got its nickname from a 1933 'name-the-monster' contest sponsored by Victoria Times' news editor Archie Mills after several sightings of the beast in Cadboro Bay.

From the 1930s to the 1960s, "Caddy" sightings were reported on an almost monthly basis, Bousfield says.

"But now, I'm a little dismayed. Have we extirpated the darn thing? Are we interfering with its breeding locations so it can't come around?"

Along with University of B.C. oceanographer Paul LeBlond, Bousfield finished writing his study's findings last week in an academic paper he intends to present to the annual convention of the American Society of Zoologists, in December.

In their paper, Bousfield and LeBlond conclude that "evidence strongly supports recognition of this animal as a distinct vertebrate species, of presently indeterminate class and ordinal taxonomic assignment, but evincing both reptilian and mammalian characteristics (and) probably mainly bathypelagic and piscivorous but appears to undergo inshore migrations in summer that may be reproductively significant."

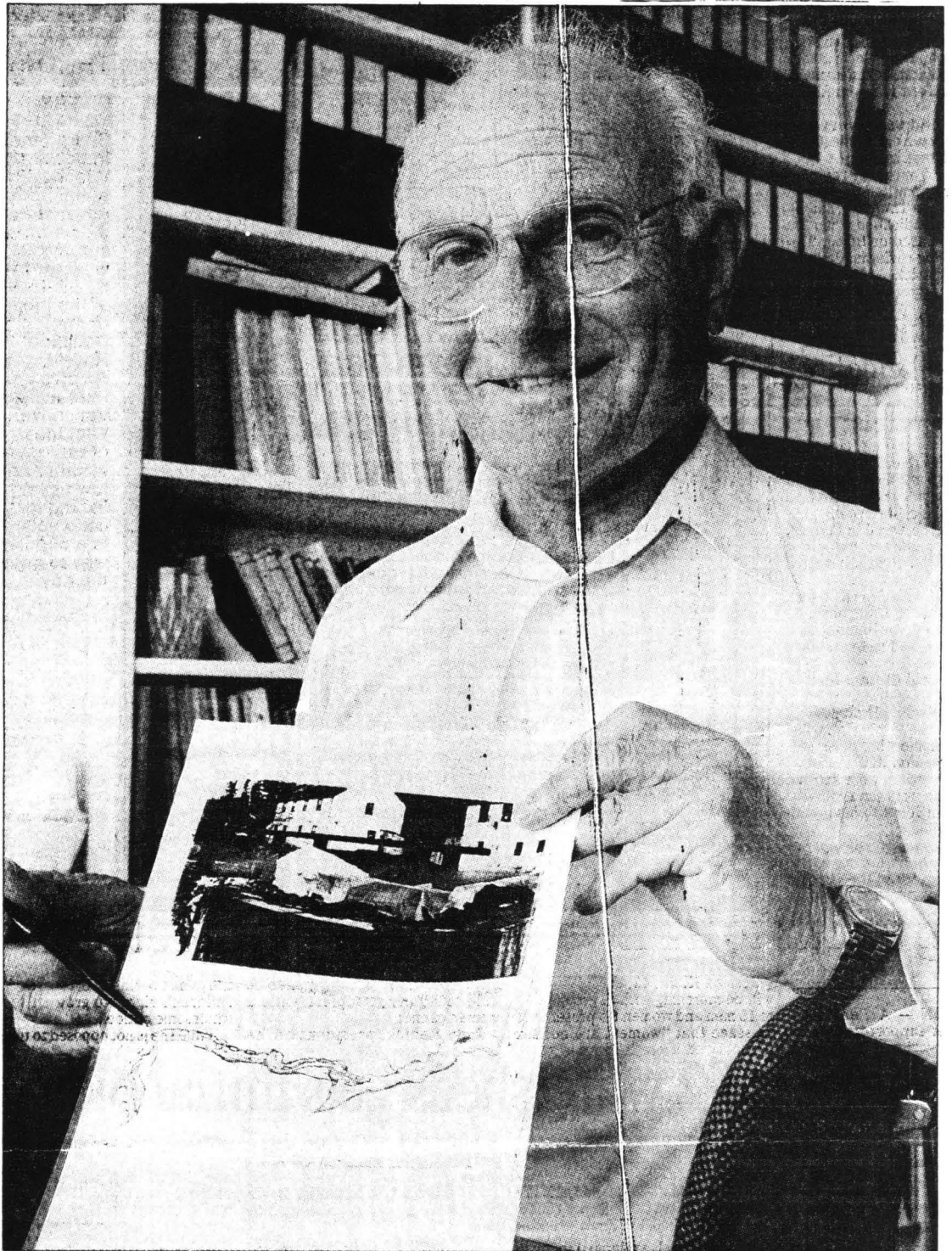
In lay terms, that means it looks like a dinosaur, spends most of its time at the bottom of the ocean, eats fish and may bear its young in shallow coastal waters.

LeBlond, apart from his training in oceanography, is also a "cryptozoologist," which means he's concerned with, but doesn't necessarily believe in, scientifically undocumented creatures like the Sasquatch.

Four years ago, *The Sun* asked LeBlond what he thought of Caddy (and its cryptic relatives, Ogopogo of Okanagan Lake and the Loch Ness monster). Back then, LeBlond said: "I'd have to say 'no'." After Bousfield's research, however, LeBlond now says: "If you put probability on a scale of 1 to 10, it was seven. Now it's eight."

The most convincing Caddy carcass ever documented was a half-digested "infant" sea serpent found in the stomach of a whale by flensers working at the Naden Harbor whaling station in the Queen Charlotte Islands in July, 1937.

A report submitted to fisheries' officials described the creature as "about 10 feet long, having a head similar to a large dog, animal-like vertebrae and having a tail resembling a single blade of gill bone



JOHN YANYSHYN

LOOKING FOR A CADDY WITH FINS: Ed Bousfield in his office with pictures of Cadborosaurus

as found in a whale's jaws."

And then there was that live one.

Former whaler and well-known coast writer William Hagelund, author of *Whalers No More*, captured a tiny version of a Caddy-type creature at Pirate's Cove at De Courcy Island, just off Galiano, in 1968.

The creature was about 40 cm long.

From Hagelund's account of the incident: "His lower jaw had a set of sharp tiny teeth and his back was protected by plate-like scales, while his undersides were covered in a soft yellow fuzz. A pair of small, flipper-like feet protruded from his shoulder area, and a spade-shaped

tail proved to be two tiny flipper-like fins that overlapped each other."

Hagelund and his son Gerry managed to catch the thing and put it in a bucket on deck of the family's centre-cockpit sloop, with the intention of bringing it in to fisheries' scientists at Departure Bay the next morning. But the animal thrashed around furiously in its bucket, all night long.

"I felt a strong compassion for that little face staring up at me," Hagelund recalled. "If he perished in my hands, he would only be a forgotten curiosity. I lowered the bucket over the side and watched him swim quickly away."

Citizens should beware legendary bearmonkus

I read your article about Mr. Arnold seeing the mysterious creature (*The State*, Sept. 22).

Well, I believe he saw the bearmonkus. It is a legendary creature that lived in the Edisto River Swamp near Springfield.

Many years ago, the creature would come from the swamp and frighten people in town. Others heard its bloodthirsty cry in the night.

We never determined what it was, but some believed it to be a big black bear. Others thought it was an ape-like creature that escaped from a traveling circus. So we called it the bearmonkus.

From Mr. Arnold's description, I believe he has seen the bearmonkus.

SAMUEL L. BOYLSTON
Columbia

STATE, Columbia, SC - Oct. 3, 1992

Ghostbusters spin SPIDER web to catch specter

BY MARTIN BAILEY
London Observer Service

LONDON — They call it the SPIDER — and it's enough to send a shiver through the ectoplasm of any self-respecting ghost or specter.

An acronym for the equipment designed to prove once and for all the existence, or otherwise, of spooks, all that the Spontaneous Psycho-physical Incident Data Electronic Recorder needs now is a haunted house.

The purpose of the exercise is to succeed in doing what no one has succeeded in doing: to take a universally acknowledged photograph of a ghost.

To that end, a discreet request for the right sort of place has been placed in *Historic House*, the upscale British magazine for the owners of stately homes. The ad was placed by a group of ghostbusters looking for a traditional haunted house, where they hope to capture an apparition on film.

Tony Cornell, leader of the search, is keener to hear from aristocrats with historic mansions than public housing tenants. "It would be no good to have a small house where the occupants would trip over our equipment," he said.

Originally "a glorified burglar alarm," the SPIDER, developed

by the Society for Psychical Research, has been refined into the most sophisticated ghost-monitoring equipment in Britain. It consists of a black box of electronic gadgetry, incorporating video, infrared and still cameras, which can also record sound,

temperature and electrical discharges.

The SPIDER, which can be left in place for months while awaiting a ripple in the ectoplasm, is the culmination of more than half a century of ghost-hunting by Cornell, during which he

has not had even a whiff of an apparition.

"I have been looking for ghosts for 50 years," he said. "Although I've never seen one, I still have an open mind on their existence."

Lawmen Seek Cow-Maiming Cult Culprits

By Mark A. Hutchison
Lawton Bureau

FREDERICK — Tillman County Sheriff John Ahrens is hoping a potential reward of more than \$5,000 will lead his investigators to culprits responsible for a cow mutilation last weekend in a rural pasture northeast of Tipton.

It's one of two recent incidents in the area. On June 16, in neighboring Comanche County, Sheriff Kenny Stradley found a cow in a pasture six miles west of Lawton with its eyeballs, heart and rear end removed.

A calf also had been pulled from the cow's stomach and "cut up," Stradley said.

Both lawmen believe the crimes are the work of cult members and not of roadside butchers who carved a meaty portion from a cow for food.

"The heart, tongue and udder were taken off by a very sharp instrument. It's definitely cult-related," Ahrens said.

The animal belonged to Don Rose and is valued at \$600. It was killed Saturday or Sunday. It was found Tuesday by farm hands.

"Whoever did it knew exactly what they were looking for. They were very clean cuts, like from a scalpel," said Stradley of his June 16 discovery.

Satanic worshipers often use parts from cattle, chickens, pigs, dogs and goats during ceremonies. According to a satanic ritual calendar obtained from law enforcement sources, there are 19 so-called satanic celebrations. Sept. 7 is listed as the "Marriage to Beast/Satan" holiday.

Tillman and Comanche county authorities about two years ago reported similar crimes. In November 1990, in a pasture seven miles west of Grandfield, a 3-week-old calf was found stripped of its flesh and entrails.

Squares and circles had been cut from its hide, which was pulled above its head. The blood had been drained.

Stradley said about the same time, a skinned calf was found in rural Comanche County.

The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association is offering a reward of as much as \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the people involved in the most recent Tillman County incident, Ahrens said.

DAILY NEWS, Anchorage, AK - Nov. 20, 1992

Bigfoot trap untended, but hardly forgotten

Oregon park rangers to mark site

The Associated Press

APPLEGATE, Ore. — A one-of-a-kind Bigfoot trap built in the woods 18 years ago doesn't have bait anymore. But that doesn't mean people have stopped wondering about the legendary beast said to roam the Pacific Northwest.

The fortified trap was set up in the Rogue River National Forest near reported sightings of the gigantic hairy creature. And it was built to last.

It outlasted its creators at North American Wildlife Research, a group bent on proving Bigfoot exists. North American Wildlife Research no longer exists.

"People often ask us about the trap, and if we've seen any Bigfoot tracks," said forest ranger Su Rolle. "There is a tremendous amount of local interest in stories of Bigfoot."

So much interest that the rangers plan to put up an informative sign at the trap site.

The trap builders were drawn to the area after local miner Perry Lovell found 18-inch tracks in his garden near the Applegate River. The creature reportedly had a 6-foot stride.

Called Bigfoot, or the Indian name Sasquatch, the furry beasts purportedly stand and walk erect. They are said to be shy, only rarely allowing themselves to be seen by humans.

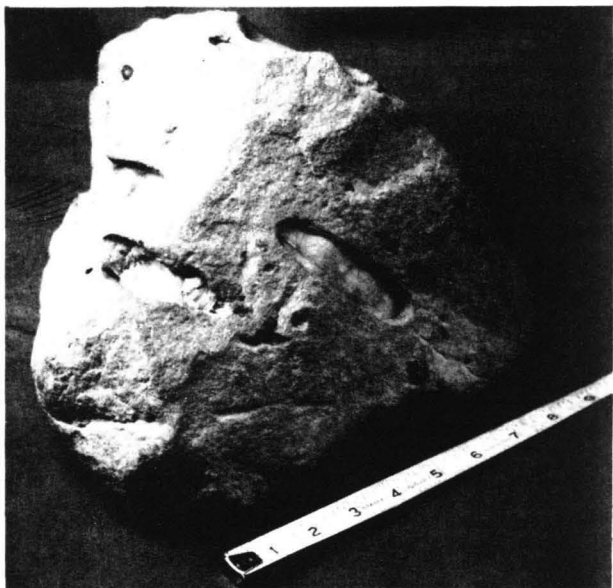
The trap is a 10-foot-square, heavy wooden box reinforced with steel bolts and plates, anchored to thick poles. The door is a metal grate encased in a steel frame.

"Guess they figured Bigfoot was a husky creature," said Ross Knotts, 80, a retired Methodist minister who leads hikers to the trap.

"First time I was here there was a rabbit skeleton hanging from the ceiling," Knotts said recently. "The idea was that the creature would pull on the thing, and the metal door would fall down, trapping it."

CR: J. & L. Nicholson

HUERFANO WORLD, Walsenburg, CO - Oct. 29, 1992 CR: D. Perkins



HALLOWEEN MASK?—This "humanoid head" was found by Julian Archuleta back in the mid-1920's in the mountains west of Gardner. Hunting a mountain lion, he climbed up to a crevice which turned into a medium-sized room. In the dim lighting he saw a pile of rocks resembling a grave mound, in which he found the head at one end. He placed the heavy item in a gunny sack and kept it, although he has never returned to the cave. He says, "This item is not a skull but instead appears to be a fossilized or petrified head of some strange type of being. It has the general shape, size and features of a human head. The object is flat at the top. The eye sockets are oblong instead of round and appear to contain the remnants of 'eyeballs.' There is a mouth opening with partial lips remaining. The teeth are white, perfectly and evenly formed incisors even where there should be canines. There is no nose or nostril openings. There is a horizontal elongated opening near the top of the forehead. This is very obviously not man-made." The object measures less than 10 inches tall but weighs 19½ pounds. Man or beast, alien or humanoid, rock formation or artwork? Another unsolved mystery! [Photo by Gordon Kelley]



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SOUTHWESTERN

'HAIRY MAN' OR NOT, THAT'S SURE A BIG FOOT

DILLINGHAM — Reports of a strange creature sighted west of Manokotak last week have revived tales of southwest Alaska's legendary Hairy Man, an elusive ape-like creature covered with hair and walking like a human.

Passengers on a MarkAir Express flight from Togiak to Manokotak reported seeing something big and hairy walking into a ravine. Pilot Randy Quinto circled for another look, but while his passengers again saw the creature, Quinto said he never spotted it.

"I was always on the wrong side of the plane," he said. "I'd venture to say there was

something there, but what it was, I don't know."

Air taxi dispatcher Nicholas "Gwim" Alakayak, his son and the Manokotak village public safety officer flew in search of the creature Wednesday afternoon. But they found only tracks in thin snow and frost in a ravine about 15 miles from the village.

The tracks "looked to me like people tracks," Alakayak said. "We estimated they were 16 inches long."

Bigfoot? "I don't know," Alakayak said.

Manokotak VPSO Melvin Andrew declined to comment, deferring to VPSO Coordinator Chuck Grediagin at the Bristol Bay Native Association.

Officially, Grediagin said, "BBNA does not encourage village public safety officers to be involved with matters properly the responsibility of the

Department of Fish and Game."

Fish and Game biologist Larry Van Daele said the description of the hairy man in the ravine is consistent with "fairly common stories" of elusive ape-like creatures said to inhabit Alaska and other wild regions.

"It's taller than a normal human being and covered with dark hair," Van Daele said. "It's said to possess great speed and jumping ability."

Reports of sightings of the Hairy Man in Alaska are similar to those of Sasquatch, or Bigfoot, in the Pacific Northwest and Canada, and of Tibet's abominable snowman.

"I'm not going to deny it exists," Van Daele said.

"We know there's a lot of country out there and lots of brush to hide in."

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