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UFOs of the Kickapoo III: The Manning-Harrison Hollow Sightings

By John H. Sime
E-N Staff Writer
Sighting IIIa-1

A Man from Readstown

This took place in the fall of 1969. Haying was done. I was with a bunch of 35 to 40 people at a party on a hilltop hayfield near Harrison Hollow. It was midnight or better. The first thing that we saw was what we at first thought was a star. But it was too bright. It was not moving at all at first, but then it started to come straight down out of the sky like it was suspended on a wire. This lasted a minute or two. It also began to project a sort of beam out of it and down at us. It got closer and closer and the beam covered more and more of the hayfield-- which was at least as big as a football field. You couldn't hear a whisper out of this thing. At first we thought it was some sort of military thing, but it made no noise or vibration. I've seen a few military things, since I was in the Marines. We got into our cars and left. The field was still lit up when we left. None of us ever said much about it to anyone, since we were party-

ing and didn't figure that anyone would believe us anyway. But it did happen.

Sighting # IIIb-1

A Woman from near Readstown

This was in the early 1970's, my husband and I had been somewhere together and came home. It was around 10:00 p.m. First we noticed a really bright light. It was white, at first, but it did have some colored lights later. We called over to my mother's (across the valley). We could not get through on the phone, at first. When we finally did get through, her voice was distorted and the connection was staticy (even though she is less than a mile away). I'm not sure if I saw it go away, or it went away while I was on the phone.

Sighting # IIIb-2

A Man from near Readstown

It was a round shaped thing. It had bright colors and would move around very fast. It was at 1:30 or 2:00 in the morning. It was in the early 1970s. My wife and I had just got home. She called her mother to tell her that it was right

over her house. She didn't get through right away, and when she did, her mother sounded like an old, old man.

Sighting IIIb3

A Woman from near Readstown

I remember my daughter mentioning that she saw an object in the sky at the time. I did not see anything. I don't remember any telephone call.

Sighting #IIIc-1

A Man from near Readstown

This was about 1975 or 1976. I was coon hunting with a friend of mine. It was in October. It was around 11:00 p.m. We were in Harrison Hollow.

I saw the same thing that I did with my wife, a couple of years back. It made a whirring noise. It was round with different colored lights. My friend never did see it, even though it was right straight above him. It was about 40 to 50 feet across. It was about 500 yards above him. At the most, I was about 1/8 of a mile from it. I was on the same level of ground as my friend.

Sighting IIIc-1

A Man from Readstown

It was in the Fall of 1967. I was all alone in my car coming home from a dance in Viola. I was following a friend of mine who was driving his car just ahead of me. It was about 1:30 a.m.

We were near the Kickapoo Center bridge. I saw a big ball of light heading through the valley, coming from the Manning direction. It was about hilltop level. It was a big glow in the sky that had several colors. It was oval-shaped. Neither of us stopped. We both sped up our cars and got out of there. When we got to Readstown, we stopped and asked each other what it was. We didn't know what it was, but we both agreed that we saw it.

Sighting IIIc-2 A Man from Viola

This was in 1967. I saw a bright shining light that had no colors. There was no sound. It definitely was not a satellite.

I was coming home from a dance in Viola. There was somebody behind me, he saw it too. I was going toward Readstown, and at Manning I saw an object that

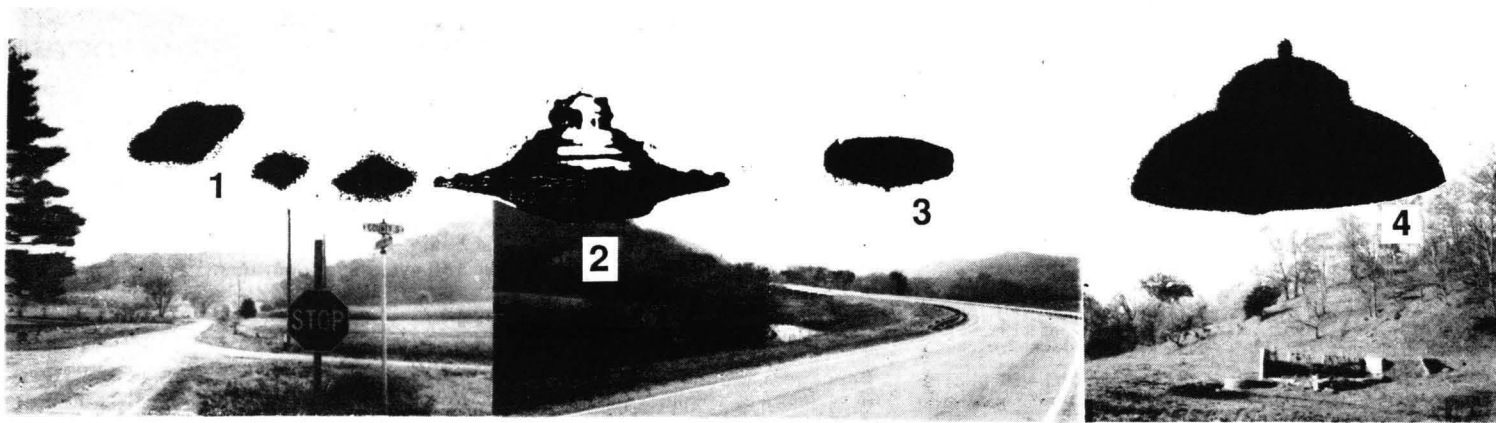
was hovering over a hill to the west. Suddenly, it turned south and began heading in my direction. It followed me to Readstown. If I sped up, it sped up. If I slowed down, it slowed down. Just at the last curve before town, it went up to the hilltop and disappeared.

I don't remember stopping that night to talk about it. I did talk about it at school with my friend in the other car. We both saw it.

Sighting IIIe-1

A Man from Readstown

Last Fall (1991), my daughters saw something hovering over Nelson's Hill, just north and west of Readstown. It would have been between Readstown and Manning. It was about 10:30 p.m. They were on Highway 131, just outside town, heading south in their car. The object was cigar-shaped, with red, yellow, and green lights. They almost had an accident when they saw it. After a little bit it shot off into the west.



An Alien Armada Posed Over Manning/Harrison Hollow Scenes. 1. UFOs photographed in England in 1966- Welfare, Simon and Fairley, John, Arthur C. Clark's *Mysterious World*, 1980-, page 172. 2. *Contra Costa Times*, Sunday, October 11, 1992, Page 1. 3. Cover of *UFO Crash at Roswell*, by Kevin D. Randle and Donald R. Schmitt. 4. Cover of *The UFO Report*, ed. by Timothy Good. (John Sime Photos)

DAILY NEWS, Ft. Walton Beach, FL - Oct. 26, 1992 CR: R. Reid

100 turn out to talk aliens at Tallahassee UFO conference

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — A chance to talk about UFOs, aliens and government cover-ups without fear of ridicule drew about 100 of the convinced and the curious to a weekend UFO conference.

They met openly at a Tallahassee motel, and Joan Scott said that was a change from gatherings in her hometown of Montgomery, Ala.

"We have a group of about 60 of us that meets to study UFOs. We're underground, because in

Montgomery, we can't talk about these things," MS. Scott said. "We tell people it's a Bible study group."

Those at the 29th National UFO Conference bought periodicals such as *Flying Saucer Digest*, *Bigfoot Journal* and *Interspace Link* and swapped accounts of encounters.

Maryann Meadows, 37, of Cairo, Ga., said she first had contact with an alien when she was 7 when a bigfoot-like creature with red

glowing eyes "walked right up to me."

Meadows said she saw her first UFO when she was 14, and UFOs have been flying over her farm for the past four years.

"They are keeping up with me. I know why, but I'd rather not say," she said.

Rickey Monroe of Vidalia, Ga., a former prison chaplain, described a close encounter with a 3-foot-tall gray alien with black, almond shaped eyes.

Monroe said he was trying to read in bed, heard a ringing sound in his head, and went to the living room, where his wife was asleep on the couch.

"I bent down to put on some socks, and I looked up and there was this being standing there," he said. "I tried to wake my wife up, but she couldn't be woken up. He instructed me to follow him telepathically, which I did."

"The being levitated himself off the porch. At this point, I lost all memory," he said.

Monroe and the other conferees said they had four UFO sightings Friday night and one Saturday morning at the home of local organizer Ed Komarek just north of

the Florida-Georgia line.

Like other conferees, Don Ware, a retired pilot from Fort Walton Beach and state director for the Mutual UFO Network Inc., believes the government and the media have been covering up information about UFOs for years, but now the government is allowing information to trickle out.

"I'm starting to suspect that Fox network is somehow supporting the government's covert educational program," Ware said. "There is a lot of evidence that what we see on 'Star Trek: The Next Generation' is designed to help us understand the larger reality represented by UFOs."

Alien life forms

Nebraska native claims to have thousands of close encounters

By CARLA CHANCE
The Daily Nonpareil

You could call it close encounters of the local kind.

John Foster, 54, a native of Lincoln, Neb., claims to have had 3,000 encounters with "so-called aliens" and their crafts throughout his lifetime.

But instead of sensationalizing the experience, Foster, until recently afraid to go public, said he has suffered in terms of trauma and stress over the ordeal.

Born and raised in a typical, middle-class family, Foster, calling himself "a jack of all trades" in the engineering field, said he is now semi-retired due to health problems.

During the late '60s and '70s, Foster said he became very intrigued by UFOs and really wanted to see one.

Calling this need a "relentless urging," Foster said in 1981, he and his son-in-law were sitting on a third-floor apartment balcony and decided to pray to God to let them see one.

Three minutes later, he said, a disc-shaped object with glowing lights travelled very fast and very close (about 100 feet) over their heads.

Although, they both said to each other, "what the heck was that?" they remained calm about the sighting, he said, remembering how strange it was to be so calm.

But the experience didn't satisfy Foster.

"I still had an urging to see another one. Sometimes I would stay up all night looking skyward to see one, even if I had to be at work at 8 a.m.," he said.

But in the winter of 1986, missing pieces of his life, according to Foster, came into play.

Foster began to remember

chotic or hallucinating, he said, adding people not believing you was the hardest part.

Traumatized by the experience, Foster sought professional help. But the scientific investigators, "needed hardware or evidence in hand," he said.

After reading the novel, "Aliens Among Us," Foster contacted Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, now professor Emeritus at the University of Wyoming, listed in the book as helping contactees deal with their experiences.

In August 1986, Foster claimed he had his last recollection of the aliens.

He recalled in the early 1980s he got angry and they had a parting of ways.

During the course of his recollections, Foster said he was "mysteriously allowed to remember" contactees had been programmed or hypnotized not to remember the episodes.

"I believe I have been contacted by unknown beings and forces that are real in the three-dimensional as well as other dimensional senses."

— JOHN FOSTER



Foster's alien depiction.

his first "alien encounter."

Coming back to him in disturbing bits and pieces, Foster said the first incident took place back in the 1950s, when he was about 13.

There were about 30 to 50 people present and Foster and five others were levitated into the craft, he said.

Foster, who recalls being very frightened at the time, said a voice through a public

address system hovered over the crowd.

Those who entered the craft were told beforehand a needle would be injected into their lower abdomens, he said.

Foster remembers "lizard-like beings," three-foot "humanoids," a human guide who spoke perfect English, and a female who donned a human wig to make him feel more at ease, but whose face was indiscernible, he said.

Although Foster thought the encounter to be friendly and the alien civilization more advanced, he felt violated and kept resisting.

"I had the feeling that they took something or I was being conditioned," he said.

But Foster, who has done extensive research on the subject since then, said the procedure was "a typical initiation experience, somewhat common to many contactees."

Later that year he was "flooded by recollections" and Foster said he was often overwhelmed by the "anxiety of knowing."

What he experienced, he said, "was beyond our understanding," adding he was "astounded by the science-defying phenomena."

They included distortion of the atmosphere, time travel, "blue hazes and grey fogs," which were a sort of smoke screen Foster claimed the crafts appeared from.

Although his wife and three children thought the episodes were really strange, they didn't think he was lying and supported him, he said.

His extended family on the other hand were less supportive, he said.

Every time he brought his experience up, his father would get angry and claim he was psy-

I'm still waiting for answers. I haven't committed myself. I still have doubts and fears."

But he adds, "I believe I have been contacted by unknown beings and forces that are real in the three-dimensional as well as other dimensional senses."

Foster, who believes in God, said, "As far as I am concerned the so-called aliens are a part of the angelic appearances as they occurred in history through the Bible."

Foster, who has always been pained by man's inhumanity to man, believes, alien contact "is for the benefit of humankind, so we can take one giant step into the future."

As for the human race, Foster said, "we're lacking a understanding of reality. We lack a total love and respect for another. We have a tendency to isolate ourselves from and understanding God."

Los Angeles Researcher Places Gulf Breeze At World's Center

Thank you for publishing my letter concerning the red and white UFOs that have hovered and maneuvered over Gulf Breeze between the years 1987 and 1992.

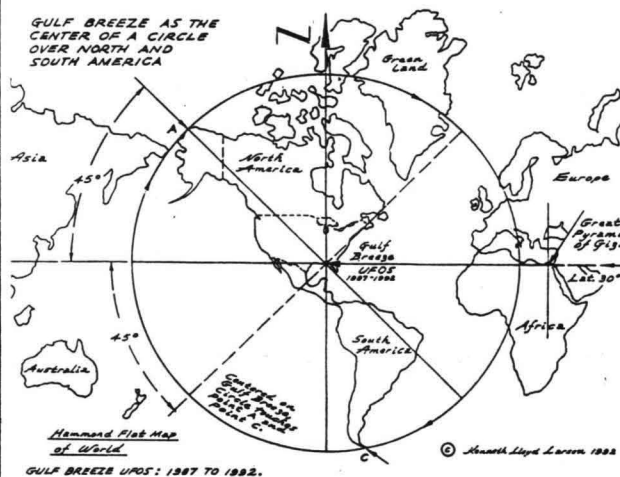
I received a letter from one of your newspaper readers (Bland Pugh), and he asked me to explain just how it was that I arrived at the conclusion that Gulf Breeze represents the topographical center of North and South America. All that I can say is that in my research I happened to notice a topographical flat map of the world. Out of curiosity, I located the site of Gulf Breeze and discovered that on this map the city is at the center of a large circle that cuts through the extreme northwest edge (Alaska) of North America and the extreme southern edge of South America. Hence, all of North America and South America rests within this circle. The corrected diameter of this large circle seems to be 14,000 miles, with a circumference of 43,982 miles. I then concluded that the UFOs came to Gulf Breeze because they knew that the city or site represented the center of North and South America.

In another curiosity, I happened to read in April, 1844, the Mormon prophet Joseph Smith declared that all of North and South America represents a choice land called the land of Zion. In my considered opinion, the Gulf Breeze UFOs are related in time to other major UFO sightings over Mount Rainier (June 24, 1947), Salt Lake, Utah (July 2, 1952), Levelland, Texas (November 2 and

3, 1957), the Salton Sea, California (November 4, 1957), Los Angeles, California (November 5, 1957), Lubbock, Texas (August 30, 1951), San Francisco, California (November, 1896), and a major wave of the UFOs over the United States of America during the year 1897.

Because 1997 is 100 years after the wave of 1897, I think that we will experience dramatic sightings of the UFOs in the years prior to and after 1997. I think that the red and white objects will continue to hover and maneuver over Gulf Breeze and that they have some connection with the origin and measured designs of this planet Earth. In keeping with this theme of design in nature, I would like to quote Isaiah 40:12, 22: "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?...It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth..." The accompanying drawing with this letter shows that Gulf Breeze occupies the center of a large circle touching the extreme northwest edge (Alaska and point A) of North America and the extreme southern edge (point C) of South America. The drawing is based on a flat map of the world and taken from the author's 1991 softbound book called "Great Pyramid Designs, Planet Earth Measures, and Signs of the Times."

Yours Very Truly,
Kenneth Lloyd Larson



Kenneth Lloyd Larson submits drawing indicating Gulf Breeze is the center of a circle which encompasses the world.

Westlake man says he saw a UFO

A mysterious pair of flying objects that was sighted moving across the Simi Valley sky Wednesday night has the observer puzzled, and wondering if anyone else saw what he did.

Fritz Kron of Westlake, a McMahan's Furniture employee in Simi Valley, said the sighting came at 6:35 p.m. as he left the Burger King restaurant on Los Angeles Avenue.

"I saw lights on the horizon, moving east to west. There was a bright object followed by a triangular object with three lights beneath it," Kron reported Friday.

"It really caught me off guard. It was so strange. I was startled," said Kron, who was alone when he spied the unidentified flying objects.

He said the lead object was a

bright yellow light. The triangular "thing" had a yellow light at each tip, left and right, and a red light at the rear.

"The triangular object was about the size of a quarter, from where I stood — it was about 2,000 feet in the sky, and the distance between it and the lead object was the space of about 10 quarters," Kron said. "They were traveling in a straight line."

Kron said a small plane appeared to be tracking the lights. The objects gave off no sound, but the plane's engine could be heard, he said.

"It flew right over my head," said Kron.

He wonders if the triangular object was the secret U.S. military aircraft the government denies exists.

"Maybe it was like the object that's been seen in the Lancaster-Palmdale area for months," he said.

Evidence of 1947 UFO Crash Revealed

By TOM MULLINS

"Oh, my God! Ya'll come out here and look at this," the woman screamed, as she flung open the waiting room doors at Marshall County Memorial Hospital.

Several people who had come to see sick loved ones jumped from their chairs and scurried outside, only to find the woman pointing skyward.

Overhead, a large object displaying multi-colored lights swished

documents which, if they are authentic, reveal that the United States recovered two crashed flying saucers from the New Mexico desert in 1947, and that as many as eight 4-foot-tall alien creatures were also discovered, one of them alive.

Friedman and Berliner are authors of "Crash at Corona," a book published this year that is already in its third printing. The book details two crash sites, one about 75 miles northwest of Roswell; the second about 150 miles to the west of an area known as the Plains of San Augustin in western New Mexico.

According to videotaped interviews of witnesses by Friedman and Berliner, a copy of which has been obtained by *The Democrat*, 28 people tell startling stories of events ranging from touching pieces of "weird" material recovered at the crash sites, to having knowledge of the U.S. Air Force having performed autopsies on the saucers' occupants.

Testimony shows the aliens to have had only four fingers with suction cups at the ends, larger than usual heads and large, almond-shaped eyes.

The witnesses, although many of the accounts are second and third hand, seem to be ordinary people who have information about a most extraordinary series of events.

As the story goes, the first craft crashed on a sheep ranch outside Corona, N.M., on July 2, 1947. The debris was confiscated by personnel at the Roswell Army Air Base - at the time, the only active atomic bomb facility in the world.

The debris was taken to Fort Worth, Texas, headquarters of the 8th Air Force Command. "The Air Force, even though several newsmen had learned of the crash, put out the story that what was found was debris from a weather balloon. The press bought it," Berliner said.

However, a number of military personnel who were interviewed said the unusual debris, which could not be cut or burned, was definitely not from a weather balloon.

The second crash apparently occurred on a dry lake bed. Friedman, after the TV show "Unsolved Mysteries" had aired a segment concerning the Corona crash, got a call from the program's producers and was given the name of a man who said he not only saw the second crash, but touched the disabled saucer.

But when Friedman contacted Gerald Anderson, the witness, the UFO researcher was shocked to hear that Anderson saw much more than a crashed craft of strange origin - he'd seen aliens, too.

Anderson, at the request of FUFOR, was polygraphed by an examiner selected by the American Polygraph Association. The examiner said Anderson was not being deceptive when he answered questions about what he'd seen.

Also, the eyewitness underwent regressive hypnosis and provided even more chilling details of his encounter.

"In the interest of objectivity, we always approach such claims in a very conservative way, scrutinizing every detail. I wasn't there in that summer of 1947. Neither was Friedman. Who knows what Gerald Anderson really saw, but his story is backed up with testimony from a

from side-to-side and hovered above the hospital, then, with a "whoosh" headed east in the night sky, eventually disappearing over the horizon.

Melvin and Opal Dawson (not their real names, which were changed to protect them from ridicule) were among the small group that had witnessed the strange "thing." Both are seniors who thought, until this incident, that they'd seen it all.

"It was a V-shaped thing. Had col-

number of others who were there, including relatives and friends of a government geologist who also witnessed the craft and the aliens," Berliner explained.

Anderson and a number of his relatives were out rock hunting when they came upon the craft, he says. Soon, a group of archaeological students and the government geologist arrived.

But within an hour, the military, too, arrived and those who had seen the mysterious ship were threatened to never reveal, to anyone, what they had seen.

Many, however, told friends and relatives, who must have laughed at the story, much the way some folks make light of what Melvin and Opal Dawson say they saw.

"It's no laughing matter," Berliner said. "We've been researching this matter for several years and are convinced that if there was nothing to it, so many people wouldn't have corroborating stories."

Rumors of the crashes had been floating about the UFO research community for a number of years. In December of 1984, a mysterious parcel arrived in the mailbox of Los Angeles movie producer Jaime Shandera, who was known to be working with UFO investigator Bill Moore in trying through the Freedom of Information Act to secure secret government documents relating to flying saucers.

In the package was a roll of exposed but undeveloped 35mm film. Once developed, the negatives revealed two sets of documents that, to this day, remain the subject of great debate.

"If it's a hoax, why? In all this time, no one has come forward to reveal it as such. We've done everything we can to authenticate the documents, but have gone as far as scientifically possible to do so without the originals," Berliner told *The Democrat*.

In fact, Friedman, who had obtained first-generation photographic prints from the original negatives, tried for years to find out if the papers - said to be a top secret briefing paper intended for incoming president, Dwight Eisenhower - were the product of some jaded hoaxster. He spent \$15,000 in FUFOR grant money trying to do so.

The seven-page document is dated Nov. 18, 1952 - five years after the alleged recoveries of the two saucers that crashed in New Mexico. It is marked, "Top Secret/Majic" and "Eyes Only," meaning that only the 12 members of a secret government UFO group named "Majestic 12" (sometimes referred to as "MJ-12") could see the documents. Anyone else in the government or military, regardless of their security clearances, excepting the president of the United States, were not allowed access to the project's communications or official reports.

Each page of the document includes the heading: "Page One of One."

The 12 members who comprised Majestic 12, all of whom are now dead, were the cream of the crop, for their day, in the scientific and military communities.

Page 3 of the document states (verbatim): "On 07 July, 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure

ored lights all over it. I don't know what it was, but it wasn't a meteor or an airplane. I've seen falling stars before, and it wasn't one of those, either," Opal said.

The couple rarely tell the tale of what they'd seen that December night in 1991. Too many people laugh at them when they hear it.

"That's the biggest problem with getting witnesses to strange aerial phenomenon to come forward and tell us their stories," said Don

recovery of wreckage of this object (the Corona crash debris) for scientific study. During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. These had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site. All four were dead or badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week time period which had elapsed before their discovery. A special scientific team took charge of removing these bodies for study."

The document then states, "See Attachment C," but that added document and other ones referred to in the secret papers were not pictured on the roll of film Shandera got in the mail.

Page 3 also states that the press was told the crashed craft was a weather balloon.

Page 4 states: "A similar analysis of the four dead occupants was arranged by Dr. (Detley) Bronk (a Majestic 12 member). It was the tentative conclusion of this group (30 November, 1947) that although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo sapiens."

The document also discusses several examples of writing which were found among the crash debris, but "efforts to decipher these have remained largely unsuccessful."

Another document, which Friedman found while going through hundreds of boxes of declassified Air Force papers at the National Archives, believed written by a presidential assistant and dated July 14, 1954, mentions the Majestic 12 group, adding some credence to the notion that the top secret briefing papers may, indeed, be the real McCoy.

As for all of the debris that Berliner and Friedman say was probably hauled to a variety of research laboratories throughout the U.S., both private and military, no one, so far, knows what was learned from it.

Berliner said, "I think it's very interesting that witnesses to the debris said they could find nothing like vacuum tubes or electrical wiring, or things like that. They did find what resembles today's optical transmission fibers like phone companies are using now for long-distance telephone wiring, and a foil-like material that was so light as to weigh nothing at all."

"What's interesting to note is that not long after the crashes were discovered and hauled off for study, Bell Labs announced the invention of the transistor. Sort of makes you wonder, doesn't it?"

Yes, it does! If nothing else, it's something to ponder next time you glance skyward and chance to see something that appears to be not of this earth.

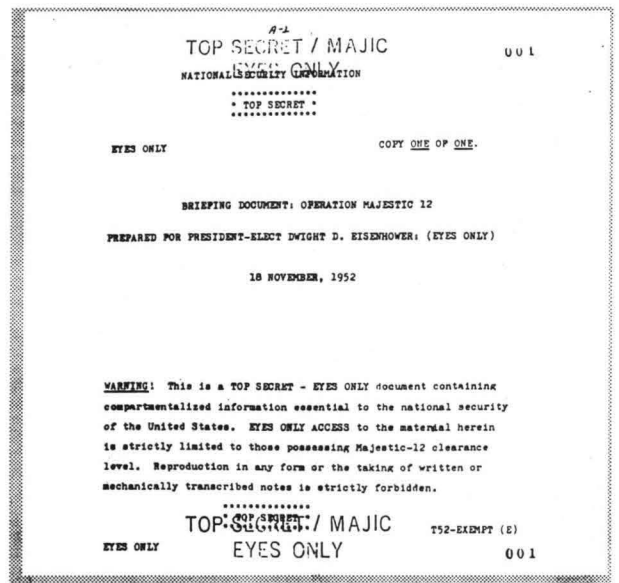
Berliner, a space and aviation writer who also helped start the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR), a scientific organization based in Washington, D.C.

Unlike many "flying saucer" groups, FUFOR boasts a board of directors that includes some of the top scientific minds in America, including astrophysicists, astronomers, geologists, nuclear physicists and others.

A non-profit scientific organization, FUFOR has bankrolled what may be, and probably is, one of the greatest UFO stories of the century.

Berliner, by telephone from his Maryland home, told *The Democrat* that the story may be difficult, if not impossible, for many people to believe. "But we have been able to interview more than 30 individuals, many of them eyewitnesses. There stories coincide remarkably."

In addition, Berliner and Stanton Friedman, a nuclear physicist, have also obtained top secret government



PAGE ONE of the controversial "Majestic-12 Briefing Papers."

STAR NEWS, Elk River, MN - Oct. 21, 1992



Vicki Wright of Otsego told a Channel 5 reporter about the large lights she saw outside her home last week. With her are her daughters Sarah and Brenda.

Woman launches UFO study after seeing lights

Vicki Wright had just made coffee about 6:45 a.m. Thursday when she went to the window to check out the weather.

Looking out into the predawn darkness, she saw something she can't explain. "To my right were these two huge balls of light, not moving," she said.

She watched them for about two minutes, then ran to the front of the house to look out another window and see if there were more. Seeing nothing, she went back to the other window. But when she looked out again, the balls were gone.

Wright, who lives on Padgett Avenue near the Otsego County Park, said the bright balls of light were unusually low in the sky - about 50 feet above the tallest tree in the area and located southeast of her house. She guesses they were about 50 feet in diameter.

She's still trying to figure out what they were.

In fact, she's so intrigued by the whole thing that she rented a post office box in Rogers and would like people to send her any information regarding past or present UFO sightings in Minnesota.

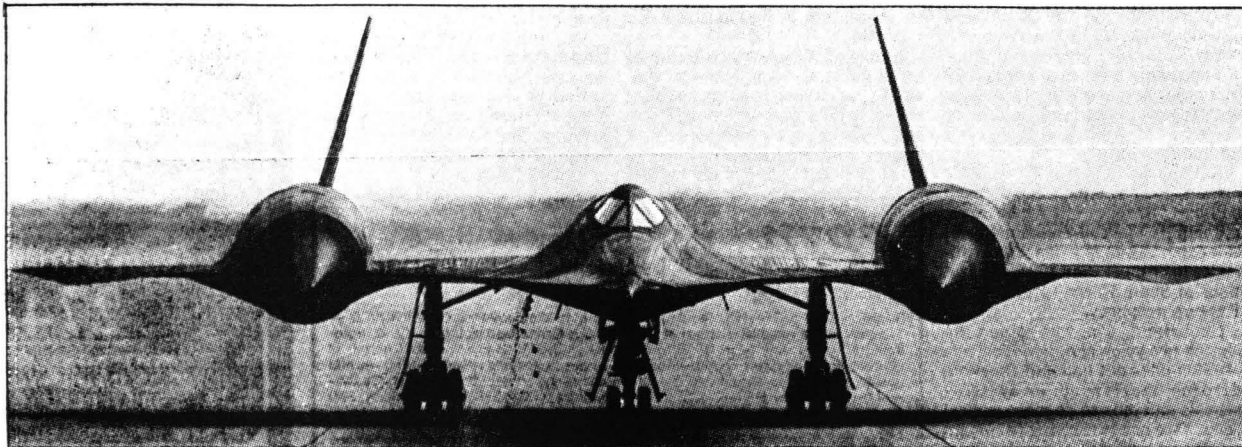
Wright said she will gather the data for a UFO study. She will accept anonymous replies.

Information can be sent to Skywatch, P.O. Box 291, Rogers, Minn. 55374-0291.

Meanwhile, several recent UFO sightings here continue to get media attention.

Channel 5 sent a crew to Elk River on Friday to investigate the matter. The report, which aired Friday night, included interviews with Wright and Terry Townsend, the Princeton man who reported one of the earlier UFO sightings in the Elk River area.

WCCO Radio also carried a story on the Elk River UFOs last weekend.



The SR-71 Blackbird, above, and the B2 Stealth Bomber: Like this, but not like this

FILE PHOTOS

SKUNK WORKS

By ROBERT SLADE

... former Chief of Aeronautical Information Services at the International Civil Aviation Organization, Montreal.

MONTREAL

IF IT FLIES and it's secret, then it is a product of the "Skunk Works" — a nickname that has been around for two generations, but not used since the U.S. military withdrew its veil from test flights of the "stealth" aircraft in the 1980s.

The guardians of official secrets, though, have a hard time when it comes to aircraft. They are made to be flown. And people see and hear.

Despite denials from industry sources and bland statements from the Pentagon — "We have no knowledge of such an aircraft" — the evidence stacks up to a near-certainty that a revolutionary step has been made in aircraft design.

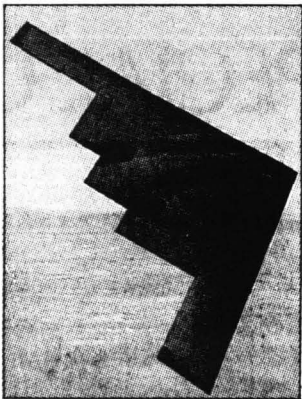
Reports date back to summer 1990 of something very unusual taking to the air. Sightings have occurred in many parts of the United States, though they come predominantly from the Mojave Desert region of California.

They nearly always stem from observers schooled in the technology of aviation. For lay witnesses have attributed peculiar sounds and vibrations to earth tremors.

"A strange, loud, pulsating roar" was the way one technical onlooker described it and spoke of the windows rattling. He added that "it was similar to rocket engine noise, but deep with evenly-timed pulses."

This description of the engine sound has characterized witness reports, leading to propulsion experts speculating that that phantom aircraft is driven by a new "impulse motor" — a hybrid of conventional gas turbine and rocket technologies.

Most of the "sightings" are more often simply "hearings", something very fast and very high, and always accompanied by weird-looking vapor trails, displaying the "doughnuts-on-a-rope" pattern known to be associated with a very-high-speed engine.



One witness reporting from Amarillo, Texas, spoke of a clear sky and visibility unlimited, when he heard "a deep-pitched rumble punctuated by short, low-frequency pulses." The aircraft flew out of sight before he could spot it, but he was able to photograph the tell-tale doughnut vapor trail.

Paradoxically, the latest secrecy surrounding the Pulser Vehicle, as some are calling it, tends to confirm there is something there. In April some radio hobbyists in Southern California were monitoring transmissions between Edwards Air Force Base and a very-high-altitude aircraft using the callsign Gaspice.

Controllers were directing the unknown aircraft to a runway at Edwards AFB. Joshua Control (Edwards) was heard to say to Gaspice: "You're at 67 (thousand feet), 081 miles out."

When asked by a curious trade press what could be flying at such a height, Pentagon officials replied: "Joshua Control documents contain no record of controllers having worked an aircraft with such a callsign...."

Recent sightings have allowed some close views, resulting in detailed sketches showing similarity one with another. Several observers spoke of a large delta-shaped aircraft with upward-canted vertical fins.

The evidence stacks up to a near-certainty that a revolutionary step has been made in aircraft design

And then came United Flight 934, a Boeing 747 out of Los Angeles for London on Aug. 5. The captain and co-pilot reported passing through 7,000 metres, when they saw an unusual aircraft coming directly at them. There was only a fleeting glimpse — the crew reported a closing rate two to three times the normal — as an unidentified object swept beneath them on a near-collision course.

But these two highly-trained observers knew what they saw: a lifting body (type of wingless aircraft) which was clearly supersonic, looking like the forward fuselage of a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the now-grounded CIA spyplane, but without wings.

When asked by the crew what it was, Los Angeles Centre air traffic control replied that they did not see the target on radar. The military liaison officer to the Pacific Region office of the federal aviation administration found nothing to back up the United crew's observation.

An official statement declared: "To us, it's simply a pilot report, and there's no evidence of anything other than the pilot comments." Case closed.

But by now the file was growing: reports of strange objects being seen — mostly bearing a marked similarity — by the trained eyes of independent watchers. The night of July

12 was clear over the Mojave Desert and just before midnight, a motorist sighted an "SR-71-like shape." He stopped the car and there it was, a couple of hundred feet above the road right ahead of him.

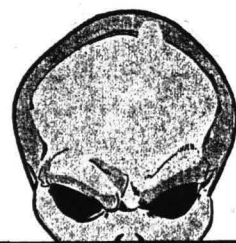
Bright moonlight lit the aircraft's shape as it rolled out of a final turn into Helendale Sun Hill Ranch airfield — a remote spot, not listed in the National Airport Directory.

With such detailed observations coming in, a consistent picture was emerging: a long delta-shaped platform with a large aft section and slender pointed nose, two rectangular-shaped engine nozzles beneath the aircraft's trailing edge.

Although the concept officially does not exist — no government agency will admit to there being anything behind this growing number of field sightings — there are indications that whatever this highly-classified project is, it is not confined to a research and development undertaking.

Sightings are beginning to occur in Europe. The distinctive high-speed contrail or vapor rings were reported over Scotland emerging from a very-high-flying aircraft.

Speculation, of course. Still, one more witness report claims: "... the front end of a Blackbird-like aircraft being loaded into a C-5 freighter at Burbank, California." Home to Lockheed's Skunk Works. □



Space aliens?

Woodburn not alone when it comes to UFOs

By Tom Henderson
Of the Independent

Are there intelligent beings on other planets?

If so, why did they visit Len Wanner's ranch? Wanner is not sure if what he saw came from another world. But it was downright eerie.

He has seen it twice — a bright light in the woods. It hovered above the trees, making no noise. Wanner said he has no idea what it is.

If it were a helicopter or other machine, it would make some kind of noise. It just hangs there for about 10 to 15 minutes. Then it shoots off.

"Man, when it takes off, it goes miles per hour," said Wanner.

It has appeared twice now, once in October and once in September. Each time it was around 10 p.m. Wanner said he knows this for a fact.

The first time it happened, he and his wife were about to watch the 10 O'Clock News.

His wife and son have both seen the UFO.

Wanner said he was unsure about reporting the incidents. "I was scared to do anything about it because I didn't want to get hauled away to the funny farm," he said.

This is not the first UFO sighting in the Woodburn area.

At least once, the fear of being hauled away was justified. Mike Bizon was not hauled away to the funny farm. Worse. He was hauled away to a military base.

Bizon, now 39, was a little boy when a shiny object rose into the air above his father's wheat field. The story made the May 21, 1964, edition of the Woodburn Independent.

The experience got even stranger when Air Force officers came and snatched him out of school. Bizon was taken to Adair Air Force base for several days of questioning.

The Air Force told Bizon he had not seen a spaceship, but an experimental Air Force device. It was not evidence of intelligent life on other planets.

Or this one, for that matter. It was a screw up. The device landed in the wrong place. The newspaper never followed up on the story.

However, writer Michael Whelan did. He found the story in the Independent and it inspired him to write Woodburn's centennial pageant on the premise that two space aliens crash land in Woodburn.

The possibility of visitors from other planets intensely interests Skip Schultz of Woodburn. He is the Oregon director of the Mutual UFO Network, an international organization that investigates, studies and catalogs sightings of UFOs.

Sidney man records UFO on video

● Darrell Hachey says the unidentified flying object couldn't have been a plane or helicopter.

Guy Gannett News Service

SIDNEY — Darrell Hachey says the eerie lights he saw zig-zagging over the James H. Bean School on Wednesday were attached to an unidentified flying object.

And he's got the video to prove it.

"People can believe what they

want to," he said. "But in my mind I know what I saw. It was a UFO."

Hachey, 30, an unemployed factory worker, said he was sitting in his living room about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday when his wife, Stacy, came running in and told him that she had just seen two UFOs hovering over a field in back of the school, a few hundred yards from their home.

"I grabbed my camcorder and high-tailed it down there," Hachey said.

He captured on video the flight path of the white lights, which looked like four tiny flashlights piled on top

of each other, and has probably watched it 100 times since that night.

Hachey said the lights made a loud humming sound and appeared to whip across the skyline in seconds. The lights also disappeared and reappeared.

The video does in fact show a set of lights moving rapidly across a dark background.

"It couldn't have been a plane," he said. "The lights went up and down and every which way across the sky. And they were too fast even for a helicopter."

UFO or no? Tanya's left in the dark



Just tell me one thing, Tanya Matarwe asked, a hint of tears in her eyes. Do you think I'm sane? Sure, I told her. This kind of thing probably happens more often than we

think.

She thanked me profusely and shook my hand.

Here's her story, and the reason she wanted reassurance.

Tanya, a 25-year-old travel agent, was driving home to Carlsbad from a friend's house in San Marcos at 12:45 a.m. Friday. They'd been bowling and talking; her father expected her home on time, and she was late.

Tired but still alert, Tanya was heading south in her Blue Jetta on Rancho Santa Fe Road, not too far west of Lake San Marcos, when she saw the light, so bright that she thought it must be the searchlight of a police helicopter.

The car in front of her slammed on its brakes. She did the same, barely avoiding an accident. Both Tanya and the other driver got out, as did a few motorists in the northbound lane.

To the east, it was something like staring into a 200-watt light bulb, Tanya said. She couldn't judge the dimensions of the light, although when pressed, she believes it was larger than the sun and much closer. It was yellowish and static. It stayed there for two minutes, then shot up and was gone.

There had been lightning during the evening, but this was much different, she said. The sky was cloudy, but dry.

She swapped phone numbers with the other driver, a guy named John from Del Mar, and hurried home. Less than a mile from her house, as she looked out over La Costa, she thought she saw it again, shining brightly and then exploding up into space. It appeared cusp-like, with perhaps four bright lights.

She woke her father, talked to him until 4 a.m., dragged him out front to look. Nothing.

The next morning, John called, wondering what they should do or who they could talk to. Later, Tanya tried to call him back. Sorry, she was told, no one here by that name. Be it an innocent mistake or something else, the call bothered her almost as much as the eerie mid-night encounter.

Police in Carlsbad and San Marcos were aware of nothing that resembled her account. Other possibilities — some kind of aircraft, for instance — also went nowhere.

The best natural explanation came from the National Weather Service, which reported an unusual light show that evening. The display included a variety of cloud-to-cloud, unusually brilliant lightning that passed through highly charged ice crystals and could remain luminous for 30 seconds.

Forecaster Steve Goldstein said the meteorologist on duty observed instances of that phenomenon in North County that evening.

Perhaps from the right angle, on a cloudy evening, under circumstances in which no one could be expected to keep track of time...

Tinker woman tries to find alien answers

By TAMIE ROSS
STAFF WRITER

Jean Waller's life's work is, shall we say, slightly off the beaten path.

The 13-year Tinker veteran doesn't make quilts, she doesn't put together puzzles and she doesn't trace her family tree.

But she has spent her life piecing together fragments of a different sort — those she believes tie outer space and its inhabitants to the people that live on Earth — and the frequent contact between both kinds of beings.

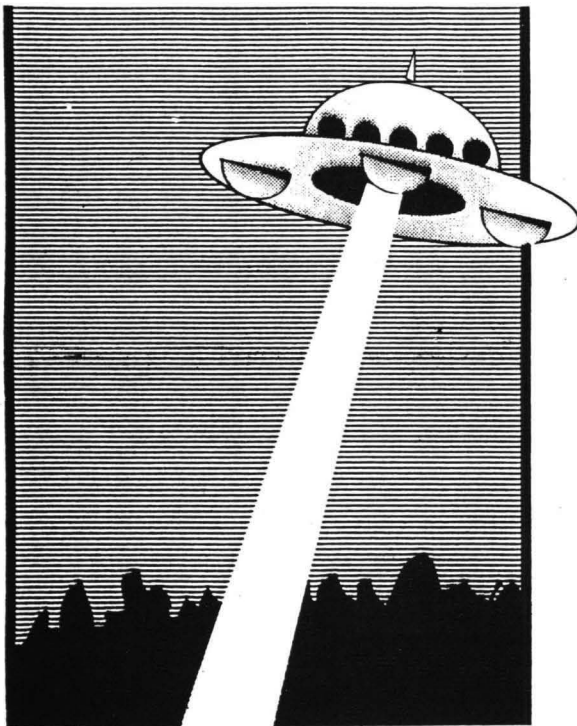
Jean is a euphologist, a person who studies unidentified flying objects, commonly known as UFOs. For the past several years, she has served as Oklahoma State Director for the Mutual UFO Network, a non-profit service research agency.

But despite all the fancy titles, Jean is truly a down-to-earth person with a curious interest in the outer realms of possibility.

Her interest in space and the possibility of alien beings began when she was a student at the University of Oklahoma in 1965, she said. The nation was in an uproar over UFO sightings and Jean needed a meaty topic for a persuasive speech for a presentation in her speech class.

"We were supposed to try to convince someone who believed otherwise to believe in our topic," she said. "Most everybody chose a religious topic, but it was about three months after a big UFO flap and I decided to be different — to go interview the people that had had the sightings."

Jean made an "A" in the class, convinced several of her classmates that other life forms could, indeed, exist and unknowingly laid the groundwork for what would become



her life's passion.

Now she not only gives speeches, she also spearheads investigations into UFO claims, works with people who claim to have been abducted or taken away by aliens, trains investigators and helps produce a monthly newsletter. The newsletter, called Oklahoma MUFONEWS, is sent to the network's statewide membership, as well as the headquarters in the other 49 states and 20 foreign countries, including the former Soviet Union.

In essence, Jean said she has two full-time jobs, her "day job" in production management (managing contracts for E-3 aircraft) at Tinker and her "night

job" of trying to find answers to her extraterrestrial questions.

"You figure about 55 hours a week for sleep, 50 hours a week for going to and from and while you're at work and I spend whatever's left on this stuff," she laughed. "But I have really good help ... I couldn't do it on my own."

Jean's typical night consists of taking incoming phone calls, consulting with photoanalysts and coordinating support group meetings with people who claim to have had experiences with alien beings. And over the past two years, she said she has seen a steady increase in the number of claims she must funnel through and sort out.

"We've never had anywhere near the number of claims we have now. There's been a significant increase in sightings ... either that or people now know who to call as opposed to before."

Another possible explanation for the increase is the referrals Jean receives, she said. Now individuals who contact TAFB, as well as some local police stations, are referred her way.

"Those agencies don't handle them in any way, so they just turn those things over to us now," Jean said. "The hardest part about all this is informing people who to call. When they have an experience, they don't know who to tell. They're so excited when something like this happens to them, or else they're so frightened, that they don't remember who we are, much less what our telephone number is."

Jean admits her work is much like others see it, a little exciting, a little frightening and a little unbelievable. She runs that gamut of emotions herself, she said.

"There are some days when I wonder why I do this. I wonder if it's all possible and I think I might like to take a cruise, or do something fun with my money instead of putting it into the network," she said. "But then I'm a different kind of person. Deep down, I believe in this and there's so much evidence, even though it's mostly circumstantial, that I don't see how anyone can say, 'that can't be possible.'"

"The thing that's most disappointing about this is that you seldom or never have any closure," Jean said. "There are always questions at the end. Was it real or not? Will the controversy always be there? Yes, because there will always be that element of skepticism."

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UFO reported in the skies above Afognak Island

By NELL WAAGE
Staff Writer

They don't know what it was; but they agree it was not like anything any of them had ever seen in the sky before.

Gary Peterson, Peter Whitson and Brian Wilson were aboard Wilson's boat, the FV Cable Nissenen, anchored up in McDonald's Lagoon in Izhut Bay on Afognak Island Saturday evening.

Whitson said he noticed the odd lights when he stepped out on deck.

"I watched them for a little while; they were not like anything I ever saw in my life," he says.

He called the other men and they all watched for about five minutes as the bright light — described as much larger than a star — disappeared from one spot, instantaneously appearing in another a short distance away.

"We never saw a ship," Peterson says. "We saw a set of

lights, one over the other, move from spot to spot instantaneously without leaving a streak."

"It was variable," Whitson says. "It would jump around here, then there, then here, then there; sometimes getting really bright and then dim down."

"Through binoculars you could see another smaller light just below it. When it was real bright it looked a little bluish to me, kind of like Sirius, the star, would."

Whitson describes himself as an amateur astronomer who enjoys pointing his telescope at the sky on a clear night. But he had never seen anything quite like this spectacle.

"When it got bright, it got brighter than any star in the sky. It wasn't a star; stars don't jump around. You couldn't see it travel; it blinked off here and on there. It didn't move around that much. It was jumping mainly the diameter of a full moon, occasionally the diameter of two full moons."

Whitson says he could see the reflection of the light in the water and it was about 30 degrees above the horizon in the southern sky.

Peterson thought it was north of them. "It was much brighter than the stars, almost as intense as a strobe light, much bigger than a star," Peterson says.

He says the men had not been drinking or doing drugs.

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

Wilson reported the sighting to the Coast Guard.

A Coast Guard spokesman says that from the description a determination was made that the light was not a flare or any kind of distress signal. It was also determined that no aircraft that might possibly be in the area were overdue and that no other vessels were in the immediate vicinity. The Alaska State Troopers and Air Force were also contacted.

Zipped up
and spaced out
in Vegas

Flying Saucers And Saucy Jeans

BY DENNIS MCCARTHY

Las Vegas

Bob Brown's nervous. He's been burned so many times by the media, he's not sure whom he trusts least — the government or newspaper reporters.

Probably the government, he says — but not by much.

"The government lies about UFOs, and you people always make us out to be a bunch of kooks and loonies," the organizer of the International UFO Congress says, trying to weigh the damage I might cause if he lets me past the door and into the inner sanctum of extra-terrestrial life as we humans know it.

Brown turns to consult with a man wearing a "Flying Saucers Are Real" button while I watch a chorus line of young women walk by me wearing blue jeans that appear to have been painted on.

The women are heading to an adjacent conference room for rehearsals for the finals of the National Tight Fittin' Jeans Contest going on simultaneously with the UFO convention at the Hacienda Hotel.

Las Vegas. You've gotta love this town. Buggy Siegel didn't know the half of it when he stood out in this patch of desert almost 60 years ago and thought, "If I build it, they will come."

They've come, all right.

"You can go in," Brown finally says, figuring that publicity — even bad publicity — is better than none at all.

Inside, about 30 people are scattered through the room, sitting in chairs set up for a crowd of 250. Most of them are wearing staff or guest speaker tags.

The UFO convention may not exactly be packing them in, but you can't find an empty seat next door for the National Tight Fittin' Jeans Contest.

Now, before I get into ETs, abductees and flying saucers, I want it understood that I walked into the UFO conference skeptical but with an open mind.

If Brown or any of the UFO researchers could have introduced me to a 3-foot-tall guy who looked like a praying mantis (which is what most abductees say they run into out there), I'd be hawking "Flying Saucers Are Real" buttons on Las Vegas Boulevard.

But the ETs decided to boycott this convention — in body at least — along with paying customers. The tab was \$440 a week for the seminars.

So we're going to have to take these stories on faith — which in this town doesn't stretch much past the nearest slot machine or blackjack table.

Here, according to Dr. Edith Fiore, a psychologist who has studied 400 so-called CE4 experiences, is a typical description of abduction by ETs.

"Let's call her Anna," Fiore says, as the cowboy band next door cranks up to introduce the cowgirls in tight jeans. Did I mention the rodeo and Willie Nelson are in town, too?

"She's 34, married, has two children and lives in suburban America," Fiore says, her voice trying to rise over 200 cowboys drinking beer for breakfast and whooping it up.

"Anna's awakened at night by three or four aliens standing at the foot of her bed," Fiore continues.

"They're 3½ feet tall and have large, oversized heads — no visible nose or ears, and a slit for a mouth.

"Anna is immobilized and can't scream. She is propelled up to the shuttle craft, which takes her to the mother craft."

Next door, a group of cowboys and cowgirls are singing, "Mama, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys," and drinking a toast to Willie

Nelson.

"Anna is led down a circular corridor to a well-lit room with an examining table in the middle," Fiore continues, trying to ignore the ruckus.

"There are beings — 6-foot-tall ETs — inside the room who are paying no attention to her. Anna is told to disrobe and is powerless to resist."

A woman a few rows in front of me is nodding her head vigorously.

Her name is Diana. She says she's a poet, healer and a psychic from Northern California who predicted the fall of the Iron Curtain six months before it happened.

"Benevolent creatures took me up to their spacecraft and did the same examination on me," Diana says, as another loud roar goes up next door.

"Miss Tight Jeans Mississippi" the announcer yells to thunderous applause from the cowboys.

Fiore carries on. "A taller being places his hands on Anna's temples and tells her to relax. An implant is put up through her right nostril into her brain.

"Anna asks where they come from but gets no answer. After the examination, she is told to dress and told she will not remember the experience.

"She is returned to her bedroom after a few hours in the spacecraft, goes to sleep, wakes up and remembers nothing — but from that point on, she may experience phobias and insecurities in her life.

"That, from the 400 abductees I have studied, is a typical experience," eventually recalled through hypnosis, Fiore says, sitting down to heavy applause.

Two women — Brenda and Red — are not so sure. They were abducted by bad ETs who did nasty things to their bodies, the women said.

A bit of friction hits the UFO conference over whether these little creatures from outer space can be trusted or not.

I walk outside to talk to UFO researcher Karla Turner, who seems to be taking all these stories with a grain of salt.

She says UFO experiences can be both negative and positive. Hers falls somewhere in between.

"At age 6, I found myself standing in my backyard holding hands with a praying mantis who said it was my mother," Turner says.

I thank her and walk into the Tight Fittin' Jeans conference for a beer.

I need one before the afternoon session begins. A hypnotist is going to try to make contact with an ET inside an abductee's body.

"He promised to show up and talk awhile," the abductee said.

Los Angeles Daily News

A Close Encounter of Some Kind

Las Vegas

Twenty years ago, Jiles Hamilton was a small-town Georgia hypnotist, helping overweight women lose a few pounds.

Then Lydia walked into his life. She brought along "Cosmos," an alien dressed in a blue jumpsuit who lived inside her body and spoke through Lydia.

That's when he knew, Jiles Hamilton said, that he had to broaden his horizons into the lucrative world of contacting aliens and spirits living inside human bodies.

"Cosmos told me to cooperate with him and if I did, they'd send me more contacts to work with," Jiles says, adding that all this is explained more fully in Chapter 2 of his book now on sale in the lobby — in case I'd like to buy a copy.

"Aliens are actually more fun to work with than spirits because they don't run off at the mouth," he says. "With spirits, it's all talk, talk, talk. You can't get them to shut up."

So begins a long-awaited "channeling" session at the International UFO Congress in Las Vegas, where Jiles Hamilton is about to call forth an alien through the body of Ricky Monroe, — a totally objective, uninvolved subject who just happens to publish a UFO journal for a living.

It is the only scheduled appearance of an alien at the weeklong UFO conference unless one happens to drop out of the sky at the last min-

ute in his shuttle craft and make a guest appearance (none have so far).

This is one of the little problems in believing in extra-terrestrials, most of the people attending the convention agree.

Although ETs tell people like Jiles that they want the U.S. government to come clean about their existence and the world to know that they are out there watching us, the little devils just don't want to show themselves in public — not even to people like these who believe wholeheartedly in them.

So at a prearranged time, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Ricky's alien has promised Jiles that he'll show up and do a little channeling with about 30 people anxiously writing down questions they'd like him to answer.

"Is Wayne Newton one of you?" I write, folding the paper and handing it forward.

Up on stage, a man from the audience holds Ricky's shoulder as Jiles puts him under hypnosis in his slow Southern drawl.

"Ricky has a way of sagging like a bowl of jelly and falling out of his chair so we've got to be careful," Jiles says.

Ricky sags on cue and Altrex, a friendly ET, shows up for his scheduled UFO question-and-answer session, speaking with Ricky's voice.

Altrex opens by saying he's still a little peeved with Ricky because the last time Ricky was called up to the mother ship, he took too long putting on and tying his shoes. Altrex said he got into a little hot water with his superiors about the delay.

Hey, I know a little alien humor when I hear it, so I start to laugh because this is better than most of the lounge acts I've seen in the last few days.

A couple of people shoot me nasty looks and ask me to please be quiet. No one wants to take the chance that ETs don't share our sense of humor.

Among the alien nuggets mined in the next hour is news that the motion picture "E.T." was "90 percent on the money" and that Steven Spielberg had been called up to the mother ship twice for briefings before making the movie.

Spielberg, of course, is unaware of this because his memory of those two visits was wiped clean, Altrex said.

There are 70 different alien races visiting Earth, but not all are on speaking terms, Altrex said. Most are nice ETs, but there are a few nasty ones out there.

They are here, he says, because they want to put pressure on the government to advise people of their existence.

"Your government and your people are greedy," Altrex adds. A guy clipping his fingernails next to me nods his head vigorously.

Maybe the National Enquirer has been right all along.

Up on stage, Jiles thumbs through the stack of questions and crumples up one of the pieces of paper. I figure it's mine since Altrex never is asked if Wayne Newton is an alien sent to Earth.

Altrex said that he was speaking from a scout ship hovering above Las Vegas and promised to ask his superiors if it would be OK to shoot on down and make a run over the Hacienda Hotel at about 9 p.m. so he could say hello to all of his Earth-bound buddies. The superiors must have said no because Altrex never showed up.

Altrex said the women on his planet — which is seven light-years away in another solar system — are a half-foot taller than the men: 4 feet versus 3½ feet tall.

Growing a little weary of all the silly human questions being put to him, Altrex closed out the session by saying that while shorter, the male of his species rules his planet.

This brought a chorus of groans from the 75-percent female audience. But they clapped anyway when Altrex said good-by and allowed Altrex to return to his body.

"I always tell people that you have to take some of these channeling sessions with a grain of salt," Jiles tells me later.

"But this one was definitely real, didn't you think?"

I told him that a whole box of salt couldn't make me buy that side-show.

"Are you the one who asked about Wayne Newton?" Jiles asked, turning a little surly.

When I nodded, he walked away.

Word got around that there was a serious disbeliever in their midst — and pretty soon I was a persona

non grata at the UFO convention. Just as well. It was time to get back to the real aliens in Las Vegas: one-armed bandits and one-eyed jacks.

— Dennis McCarthy

UFO story picked up by stations from New Mexico to Michigan

by Joni Astrup
Staff writer

Reports of UFOs in Elk River hit the national airwaves last week after WCCO-TV aired a piece that was picked up by stations as far away as Albuquerque, N.M., Milwaukee, Wis., and Sterling Heights, Mich.

WCCO Reporter Bill Hudson's report included an interview with Terry Townsend of Princeton, who reported seeing a UFO in the Elk River area on his way home from work last month.

At least five other people have also reported seeing UFOs in the Elk River area in recent weeks.

The latest report was last week. Rachel Elveru, a ninth grader at Saik Junior High School in Elk River, said she saw an unusual light in the sky about 6:35 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at her farm near Highway 10 and 165th Avenue in Elk River.

Elveru was waiting for the school bus in the predawn darkness when she saw a bright light about 50 feet above a chicken house. "It was a bright, bright light, really big," she said.

As she watched, the light moved up, went behind some silos and came around.

About that time the school bus was coming down the road from the right and a car was coming from the left. As Elveru watched, the object started going up into the sky. When it flew over her, she said she heard a low humming noise.

She also noticed a yellow and bluish light coming from the back of the object, forming a green light, and saw the shadow of a dome. The object was high in the sky when she got on the school bus and that's the last she saw of it.

She said she had seen headlines in the paper about UFO reports in Elk River but didn't believe it. "I kind of believe it now," she said.

Meanwhile, a second witness to an earlier UFO sighting has stepped forward and corroborated that report.

A cab driver traveling through Elk River on Sept. 18 had reported seeing an object in the air east of town. He also said his passenger saw it.

The passenger, an Elk River resident and student at Anoka Tech, confirmed last week that he did see the object. He said it had porthole-type lights around the perimeter and was moving slowly, if at all. "It was pretty wild," he said.

Townsend, meanwhile, said Monday the response to the media coverage of his reported UFO sighting has been mostly positive.

"Most people are curious and want to know more," he said.

The television report has spurred a number of calls to the Star News, including:

• A Crystal woman called after the WCCO report aired Thursday night, sounding relieved that other people had seen UFOs. She reported seeing a strange object about 4 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, near the airport in Crystal.

• An Eden Prairie man called the Star News Monday morning, also curious about the UFO reports. He said he saw several bright white spherical objects in the sky in Eden Prairie as he drove home about 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5. "They were there and then they were gone," he said, adding that he discounted the experience until a neighbor told him about reports of UFO sightings in Elk River.

• A woman from Sterling Heights, Mich., called the Star News Friday and said she had heard about the UFO sightings on her local news. She is a member of the Mutual UFO Network, an international organization that studies UFO sightings, and requested copies of the UFO stories for a scrapbook she keeps on sightings.

Man thinks UFO replica should be displayed here

Terry Townsend would like to see a life-sized model of his UFO displayed in Elk River and illuminated at night.

"It's something I'm quite sure will draw people from many miles around and give people a little insight into what's going on so they understand it better," he said.

Townsend said the UFO he saw last month as he drove northeast of Elk River was about 100 feet in diameter and 9 to 11 feet high. He described it as looking like an upside-down plate with a bowl on top. The perimeter was ringed in a pattern of green, red and bright white lights.

"I would reconstruct that just exactly the same way I saw it," he said.

Townsend said if money for the project could be raised through non-tax dollars, he would like to proceed with the idea.

Meanwhile, Townsend said the Mutual UFO Network, an international organization that investigates UFO sightings, has

given him an article about a UFO sighting 40 years ago in East Germany that is similar to the object he reported seeing.

The article, called "Flying Saucers in East Germany," describes a UFO sighting made in 1952 by a 48-year-old man, Oscar Linke, and his 11-year-old daughter, Gabriella. The pair made a sworn statement before a judge, saying they saw a large round object with a conical tower on top in a forest clearing.

As they watched, they said two men in shiny metallic clothing who had been outside the object jumped on the conical tower and disappeared inside. The object then rose from the ground, gained altitude and disappeared in the distance, according to the article.

After the object was gone, Linke said he went to the place where it had been and found a freshly dug, circular opening in the ground.

Linke said he thought the object was a new Soviet military machine.

Omak's UFO turns out to be gas-filled plastic cleaning bag

By RICK NESBITT

Harold Jessup didn't believe he could be the only person in Omak to have seen orange, glowing objects that passed over his home Thanksgiving night.

And he was right—at least about one of them.

Carl and Terria Jeglum saw it. So did their brother-in-law, Pat O'Hare.

Don Kendall said he "saw the thingermajig."

But Nancy Clough not only saw it, she saw where it lit.

"It looked so weird, we stopped," she said.

She and her husband were driving back to her mother's home from a quick trip to the store, when she noticed the light. "It looked huge. I wanted to see what it was."

She did. And most of the accounts given by the six or so others who saw it match her observation: "It was a glowing yellow thing going across the sky."

"It was kind of floating," was Kendall's description. "It was clear—like a clear balloon—three orange lights in a balloon. I saw it as I was pulling up to the stop sign."

The stop sign is at Ash Avenue and Fourth Avenue, 100 feet from where Jessup lives. Both said they saw something in the southern sky around 6 p.m. moving north.

But this is where Jessup's version differs from the others: He saw three objects about four minutes apart, moving from south to north-east. Because he couldn't be sure of their altitude, he said he wouldn't try to estimate their size.

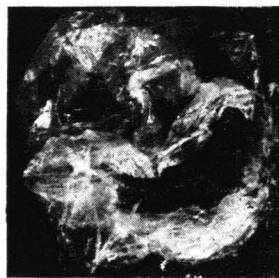
"It's an equation with the figures missing," he said.

The others described one object, varying in distance between 100 feet to 200 yards above the ground—and appearing to have a clear balloon or kite-like top with an orange light underneath. The size differed in each case description, from a small ball to "about the size of a Volkswagen Beetle."

"I only saw one," said Carl Jeglum, who was standing outside his mother's home saying good night to relatives, when they noticed the light from the object. "I don't know what the hell it was. It was like a parasailer with a balloon below."

Kendall and others said Jessup didn't need to worry he had been seeing things.

"He ain't crazy," said Carl



This plastic garment may have been the UFO many people say they saw Thanksgiving night. —Rick Nesbitt photo

Jeglum, a truck driver born and raised in Omak. "I hadn't had anything to drink all day."

His wife, Terria Jeglum, said "it was larger than a huge beach ball" and had a dull glow.

"How do you describe bright?" she said. "It wasn't brilliant, let's put it that way."

They watched it float "over by Eastside Park, over by the bridge," she said.

And that's where Clough watched it come down—on the east side of the Okanogan River in the fenced lot of North Central Petroleum on Omak Avenue.

"It was just a white garbage liner. The inside was burning and we stopped and looked at the flames," she said.

Actually, it's the type of garment cover supplied by dry cleaning businesses, with three partially burnt orange beverage straws taped to the bottom edges of the bag.

The straws are the type with a flexible area, allowing them to be bent at angles.

"Happy Thanksgiving, from: (illegible)," reads the greeting written in felt marker on the bag.

When asked the best way to make such a bag remain airborne, Mike Martin of Oxarc, Inc., in Omak, said quite a few methods could be used.

Martin sells bottled gasses for a variety of uses.

"Hot air would work," he said. "But helium would be the most logical." He knows of at least three places locally that sell the gas, but said he hadn't sold any for at least two weeks.

He was skeptical about helium, though. He said the bag would have

to be properly weighted on the bottom and it would most likely dissipate through plastic, although he had no idea how long it would take.

Speculating on the use of hot air, Martin decided it could be done. "Hot air could have possibly worked," he said. "Maybe if you used a hair drier or something to fill it up."

The straws could function as weights and also would give off added heat for lift if bent inward. "But that's getting pretty scientific," he said.

Omak fire chief Cal Bowling examined the bag, but said without looking through the regulations, he couldn't be sure if it was illegal.

Jessup doesn't dispute what the others saw, but says he witnessed something totally different.

"Mine were solid objects," he said. "They weren't low to the ground by any means."

"Some people in Canada saw them too," he said.

Tony Domes of the Mutual UFO Network in Oliver, B.C., confirmed at least one object matching Jessup's description was reported by a woman driving south on Highway 97.

"It was brighter and bigger than a star," he said. "And it was 20 minutes after what Harold had seen."

After taking a close look at the bag, Jessup remained adamant it wasn't what he'd seen.

"Absolutely, positively not," he said.

He did perform an experiment, though. He and a friend held a plastic garbage bag with attached "wicks," and lit them.

"The whole bag just burned out," he said.

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around the bay



by
Coreen
Stafford

UFO Bayside

A sighting of an unidentified flying object was reported over The Bay area. On the night of November 13 at approximately 11:50 p.m., Paul and Lucy were driving home heading south on Birch Bay Drive. Paul had just picked up his wife from work. When they turned up Jackson Road, they saw a bright light over the water. Both were alarmed at how low the object was flying.

Lucy said, "I thought it was a plane in trouble. It looked like it was going to crash on us. Then in, like, 10 seconds it was floating over our car. It was maybe only 20 feet above us."

The size of two automobiles, the UFO was rectangular in shape with bright stationary lights at each corner, they

said. There was a row of flashing blue and white lights on two sides. Looking up at what appeared to be the underside of the object, they could see ridges running through what seemed to be a steel frame. The only noise was that of a humming sound.

Lucy said, "I asked Paul if he was seeing what I was seeing? I had never seen a UFO and did not believe in them. But I know what I saw and it was nothing I had ever seen before. Paul had served in the military, he spent time in Viet Nam—he knew it was not a helicopter or plane."

Identical pictures

"When we got home we both sat down and drew what we had seen. We both drew the same picture. I know people won't believe us but I know what I saw. I will never forget how it looked," said Lucy.

Lucy was understandably hesitant to share the news of the sighting.

"It seemed so impossible, it was really scary," she said.



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OUT OF THIS WORLD

For many believers, aliens would be a sight for sore eyes

By JOHN HOPKINS
News-Press Staff Writer

Can it be that in this whole vast universe, Earth is the only planet with life forms inhabiting it?

Or do reports of aliens and UFOs hint at more than unexplained mumbo-jumbo?

Dan Underwood, minister of worship and education at Cape Coral's Northside Christian Church, said there always have been unexplained objects in the sky. However, he draws the line at believing in alien beings.

"If you take the Bible at face value, there's nothing in it about UFOs," Underwood said. "Since the Bible does not address it, I don't see it as an issue of great importance."

But Fort Myers resident Shirley Fox

UFO INFO

Interested in finding out more about UFO sightings locally and around the world? Contact:

■ The Center for UFO Studies, 2457 W. Peterson, Chicago, Ill. 60659; (312) 271-3611.

■ The local chapter of the Mutual UFO Network holds weekly meetings at 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month (except next month, when the meeting will be Dec. 12) at the Planet Earth Bookstore, 1720 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. For information, call 275-7236.

■ UFO Watchers of Pine Island has an ongoing discussion group on weekends at local restaurants. For information, call 283-7399, most evenings.

believes she has seen a UFO and has studied the phenomenon for nearly 40

years. People who refuse to believe in UFOs are "ostriches burying their heads in the sand," she said.

"One was spotted in Fort Myers (last month), near Winkler and Metro," Fox said. "We get six or seven reports a year. The majority are unexplainable."



FOX And the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will beam coded radio signals into space in an attempt to communicate with intelligent life in its new \$100-million SETI project.

For some, though, UFOs have great importance. Believers argue that alien intelligence would be able to explain mysteries of the Earth — such as the Bermuda Triangle, Stonehenge and Frank Zappa naming his children Moon Unit and Dweezil.

How long have scientists looked skyward and pondered the destinies of Mars and men?

"People have thought about that since time began," Fox said.

Over the years, aliens have become as much a part of our culture as sightings of a fat rock star in a sequined jumpsuit.

"Many people just can't accept the idea of aliens; maybe their egos won't let them accept that there are more intelligent life forms out there," Fox said.

"If you saw a cow with three horns, you'd think it was weird, but you'd accept that it was a cow with three horns. Yet, when people see a UFO, they want to explain it away; they can't accept it."

UFO sightings have declined since 1980, said David Boras, assistant to the director of the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago.

"Maybe they have decided to be less visible; maybe UFOs have developed some sort of invisibility cloak," Boras said. "We don't know

much about UFOs, so all we can do is speculate."

If aliens exist, they are most likely from Mars or Venus, Boras said.

Scientists agree. Mars is considered the most likely planet, because traces of atmospheric elements needed to create breathable oxygen have been detected and water may exist beneath the planet's surface.

The idea of Martians was so widely believed that in 1901, when a \$1 million reward was offered for a live alien, Martians were excluded because it was thought to be too easy.

Perhaps the idea of life on Mars began in 1877, when astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli found what were mistakenly thought to be canals on the planet's surface and assumed a life form had built them.

Boras said the "canal sightings" led to the speculation of Martians, and later reports of a Sphinx-like image in the Martian desert of Cydonia kept the rumors going.

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Could life exist on Mars? The warmest temperature on the planet's surface is minus-24 degrees Fahrenheit. Do aliens need the same living conditions we do?

In 1969, the Air Force officially closed Project Bluebook — a long-running federal project that was to determine whether aliens really existed — concluding that the search for UFOs was fruitless.

However, the U.S. government did not give up on the possibility of alien life.

The SETI program — Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence — is similar to a 1974 project that sent radio signals into space. The problem: the Great Cluster of stars is 25,000 light years away, and if aliens there receive the message and respond, it will be 49,982 years before we know it.

Most people today assume they know all about aliens. After all, we've seen it all, from Klingons to Jedi knights. But what do aliens and UFOs look like?

Forgot the 1950s images of little green men and flying saucers; they apparently have gone the way of the Edsel and the Studebaker.

There have been some 70 alien types reported, Boras said. They include:

- Grays: The most common, they are gray-colored, with a large head, two big black eyes, no ears and thin lips. They wear tight coveralls and are 3 to 4 feet tall.

- Nordics: Reported mostly in Europe. Humanoid with blond hair and blue eyes. Wear flowing robes. Stand 4 to 5 feet tall.

Why the discrepancy in the descriptions?

"One theory is that they have the ability to read our minds and appear to us as we want to see them," Boras said.

"If you accept the idea of aliens, then there is no reason why the different reports can't be different species. We will never know some of these answers until a UFO is captured."

Whether they're from Mars or Venus, Shirley Fox knows something is out there.

She remembers the unexplainable sight she saw near an Air Force base in Massachusetts. It resembled a large, orange football surrounded by little white lights.

The tabloids always are reporting on people who have been abducted by aliens. But just maybe the highly regarded *Weekly World News* — often snubbed when the Pulitzers are chosen — finally broke the story this fall that cannot be ignored: The paper discovered proof that five U.S. senators really are from outer space!

One of the five senators — Sam Nunn of Georgia — confirmed the reports!

These reports don't surprise Shirley Fox, who heads the local chapter of the Mutual UFO Network.

What if aliens really landed here. Could Earthlings benefit?

"Hopefully, if they're more advanced, they can teach us to eradicate wars and protect the environment," Fox said. "Once we learn their secrets, maybe we can transport ourselves through space."

Boras is more cautious: "We don't know what their society is like; reports from people who have been abducted suggest a militaristic society. We may not want to emulate them."

Based on reports by people who have claimed to have been abducted, the following statements appear to be true in most cases:

- Aliens do not speak, but communicate with telepathy.

- People report a type of paralysis; they are unable to move on their own.

- Often, details are recalled only under hypnosis.

Some people report a feeling that the aliens cared for them and worried about hurting them, Boras said. However, most of the time it was just business as usual, he said.

"It's not that the aliens are mean to people; it's just like they're doing a job, they've got a project to do," Boras explained. "If they inflict a little pain, they don't think any more about it than a scientist does when he pricks a lab rat."

Both Fox and Boras believe the federal government knows more about UFOs than it lets on.

"Perhaps they're afraid of starting a panic or don't want to admit they are vulnerable," Boras said.

He said many believe a UFO crashed in Roswell, N.M., several decades ago, and the government may have recovered a spacecraft and possibly an alien body.

"It's strange," Fox said. "We're trying to find out, but people stop talking or records have 'accidentally' been destroyed."

Now that Sen. Nunn has confessed to being from another planet, maybe more people will take seriously the existence of aliens.

And, maybe, one day alien wisdom will help us to answer the great questions of the universe, such as, "Why isn't Magda Gabor as famous as her sisters?"

So be warned: We are not alone. If you see someone staring at you, it could be an alien trying to observe how a real Earthling acts...

letters to the editor

Media view on UFOs doesn't fly



As a newspaper, your job is to report stories that happen that affect the community, particularly that of Orange County. You may not like the stories you have to write about, you may not agree with them, but news is news and must be communicated to people.

On Aug. 6, 1992, a massive UFO sighting occurred covering many towns and several counties from Middletown to Beacon. I have been photographing UFOs

— someone else's spacecraft — in Pine Bush since 1980 and have a book out now on the subject. The paper has done some articles on my work so I know there is interest in something unknown flying through the community.

I saw what was flying the night of Aug. 6. I called the paper that night of the sighting and the woman who answered wasn't interested. I left a message on a recording and no one seems to have received it because I found out there was a power failure at The Record office that same night that somehow wiped out the message. There were other reports of power failures. Were they related to the sightings?

I took 12 minutes of videotape of the Aug. 6 craft. This was one craft. I also took still pictures. I had to pull over on Route 17 west in Goshen to do this. The craft was maybe 500 feet high. It positioned itself after I pulled over, came over my head and the highway, stopped, flew back over the highway and went east, apparently to Beacon, taking 20 minutes to do this between 9:30 and 9:50 p.m. Sightings in Beacon occurred at 10 p.m.

At exactly the same time, between 9:30 and 10 p.m., what could only have been a second craft — looking slightly different in lighting pattern — was videotaped by one of my colleagues in Middletown. This craft flew on to Pine Bush, where it was seen by more sightseers and some of the "regulars" waiting for me to arrive there.

Because we think possibly 1,000 people may have seen these ships that one night in so many towns, taking different flying routes, there could possibly have been a third craft flying.

At 10:30 p.m., volunteer firefighters saw the craft in Middletown. One woman who saw the craft in the Goshen area when I did said all the clocks in her house stopped as

Ellen Crystall of New Milford, N.J., is author of "Silent Invasion, Shocking Discoveries of a UFO Researcher." Paragon House Publishers.

"my view" Ellen Crystall

the craft flew over.

If Stewart International Airport keeps telling people they are seeing airplanes flying in formation, people are going to start bombarding the newspaper with calls and not the airport — or the police stations, who also think people are blind.

People aren't stupid. A Gallup Poll done in the last few years found that almost 80 percent of the American population believes or has seen UFOs. The poll also showed the higher the intelligence, the greater the belief in UFOs — the opposite of what the media would lead us to believe.

I've seen aliens twice and have been within touching distance of the ships several times. Many people in the Pine Bush area have seen craft on the ground in their own fields during the past 40 years; many have reported abductions — and worse.

The lack of attention by the newspaper to major UFO sightings, just because they are not completely understandable, is not acceptable. I know what's flying these ships — I've seen them and photographed them. The media keeps saying "no one believes in UFOs," but in fact, it's only the media that doesn't believe. The general public is not only dealing with the phenomena on their own, but is intrigued by it and wants more.

The Aug. 6 sighting was a deliberately staged act on the part of the aliens. It was calculated, and it targeted specific people regardless of their location — particularly people who have been observing in Pine Bush regularly; and that makes this sighting all the more important.

For the airport to tell people they were seeing planes in formation and for the paper to not get the facts as they happened and print them is a disservice to the community. Pine Bush and its vicinity is unique as a "hot spot." There are other locations in other states, which I know about and print in my newsletter. But I've driven from northern New Jersey to Pine Bush for the past 12 years because I've seen up-close what is there. I've made friends with many residents in many towns. Some residents have had astounding experiences that few will ever know about.

If you're not going to print anything but murders and the farce of politics, fold up shop. UFOs are flying in Pine Bush and many other towns across New York state and the rest of the world. This is happening whether you print it or acknowledge it. Just print the facts, and we'll all be happy. The aliens will be watching.

I am collecting reports from people who saw craft on Aug. 6.

UFO Network Charts Sightings

By Jason Brooks
Special to the Times

Something is in the Ozarks air. Cool, crisp, unclouded evenings and nights have seemed to spring forth sightings and photographs of strange lights and large objects in the sky as the rage of the UFO phenomenon increases in the area and its credibility grows.

"People in the Ozarks live in an area of high UFO activity," stated W.G. Eslinger, director of the Ozark UFO Network. "Activity has increased not only in the Ozarks but the world in the past three years."

The network, a volunteer supported group, consists of the seven-county area of Baxter, Boone, Carroll, Marion, Newton, Searcy and Van Buren counties in Northwest Arkansas. The network was started in the spring of 1992.

"We held a meeting in mid-March of this year to see just how much interest there was in the area. There was a great deal of interest shown at the meeting, the following Monday I was on the phone for several hours talking to people who didn't make the meeting but were interested, everything just kind of sprung from there," said Eslinger. "We're still trying to

build, we hope to add a telephone network and our meeting places and times have not yet been established," explained Eslinger. "We're getting new members everyday."

"One of our main goals is to make the Ozark public aware of the UFO activity," said Eslinger.

A Saturday morning meeting at the Boone County Library revealed a large crowd turning out for Eslinger's seminar. Two films on UFO activity, a picture of a UFO from a resident of Boone County, and several drawings were part of Eslinger's presentation.

"UFO means Unidentified Flying Object," offered Eslinger. "An unidentified object, not recognized as a plane or balloon or other, has to be classified as a UFO," said Eslinger.

Recent sightings of UFO activity cited by Eslinger were reports of luminous balls of light over Sulphur Mountain last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday night, a sighting in the Bellefonte area Nov. 3, and a large UFO hovering around South Mountain near Marshall which was observed in Searcy county for at least three hours the evening of Oct. 27.

Eslinger said he had numer-

ous investigations underway concerning UFO sightings and abductions. He said the network would issue a full report on the findings after the preliminary investigations were completed.

"We get new cases all the time," said Eslinger. "Some of these people who have had encounters with UFOs have been holding this information for 20-25 years."

"Our first priority is to counsel those who have had a UFO experience," stressed Eslinger. "Counseling is our most important activity, it takes up a lot of our time," explained Eslinger. "We usually go through some evaluations to validate any claims of UFO encounters, including hypnosis."

"We can almost tell with virtual certainty if someone has had an encounter," replied Eslinger. "I haven't been wrong yet on an evaluation."

Eslinger, a retired public accountant and Ozark resident for 20 years, says he has been investigating UFOs for over 40 years. He says that people who wish to refer to UFOs as "manifestations" or other forms of description are in denial of the facts and do not want to learn about the phenomenon.

Duck and cover! UFOs hover over Carbondale

By GIL I. RUDAWSKY
ASPEN TIMES DAILY STAFF WRITER

What was that huge, round, white object hovering over Carbondale on Nov. 6?

Was it a bird or a plane? Maybe it was Elvis' backside.

Until there are further sightings or more evidence to the contrary, the object is being classified by the Carbondale Police Department as an unidentified flying object, or a UFO.

According to Police Chief Fred Williams, there were two separate reports of an unidentified flying object "hovering" over Carbondale early on Nov. 6.

"We got an anonymous phone call at 8 a.m. on Nov. 6, by someone who reported that she saw a large circular object hovering over Carbondale at about 4 a.m.," Williams said. "The person reported that the object hovered for a little while and then took off toward Mt. Sopris."

Williams was ready to pass off the call as either a prank or an hallucination until he got another call. This other caller, according to Williams, is well known and "someone that could be trusted."

Williams said the person reported that he also saw a large round object hovering over the town at 4 a.m. This person was more specific in his report.

"The object was described as being circular in shape, about 100 feet and it had lights," Williams said. "This person, like the other person, said that it hovered for a while and then took off towards Sopris."

Williams did not remain skeptical about the sightings.

"I'd have to say, based on these reports, that something was up there," Williams said. "I just wish that I'd seen it. I've always wanted to see a UFO."

Williams tried calling an 1-800 hotline for designed specifically for UFO sightings, but the number was disconnected.

There have not been anymore sightings of UFOs in recent weeks, but many Carbondale residents keep looking towards the sky.

Letters to the Editor

Appreciates Coverage of UFO Happenings

Editor,
Harrison Daily Times

On behalf of the Ozark UFO Network I wish to thank your newspaper for the extensive coverage of our public meeting held at the library on November 21. As a cub reporter, Jason Brooks, did quite well on his story.

However, there was one misstatement of fact that should be corrected. I was quoted as saying I had been investigating UFOs for over 40 years. Actually I stated I had been following the subject for that period of time. During recent years of retirement I have had more time to devote to this interest.

It is important for you, your readers and other area media to

understand that, with exception of private publications, it is only through local newspapers and local electronic media that the public is informed of UFO-related events.

For instance, during October and November local newspapers were reporting on UFO sightings and encounters in such diverse places as Glendale, CA, Stranton, VA, Pensacola, FL, Manchester, NH and Edwardsville, IL. On the other hand, the continuing silence and coverup by the federal government, including the military, along with major print media and radio/television network news demonstrates an arrogance that is insulting to the American public.

We have endured such long suffering toward the expenditure of

\$billions of taxpayer earnings in keeping secret tons of data regarding not only UFOs but assassinations of our presidents and other

public figures and other important matters. The KGB files have been opened. Why not those of our own intelligence agencies?

If it is about "national security," should not we be the first to know, rather than last? Write your Congressmen. They may be reading their mail these days!

Sincerely,

W.G. Eslinger
Director, OUFO
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Americans has been abducted by aliens, so she decided to start a support group for abduction claimants.

"Abduction is still not talked about a lot because there's so much stigma to it," Upchurch told the group, which had gathered in the Retama Room of the Corpus Christi Public Library.

Drawings of bald, egg-shaped alien heads with large dark eyes decorated the meeting room. One drawing depicted a presumably female alien with long blond hair and large blue eyes.

Most of Saturday's three-hour support group meeting centered on Upchurch answering questions about alien beings and abductions.

Are all the people who are abducted by aliens from another world medically examined? Are all these abductions unpleasant experiences for the abductees?

Upchurch answered "no" to both questions.

"There are some people who are abducted just to be there to calm down another abductee," she said. "Some people have a lot of anxiety and fears about (being abducted)."



Doris Upchurch: Head of the local Mutual UFO Network Inc. chapter says, 'Abduction is still not talked about a lot because there's so much stigma to it.'

UFO group offers support

Group plays host to tales of extraterrestrial encounters

By Brian Pearson

OF THE CALLER-TIMES

They apparently come when she's asleep, whisking her out of her apartment and into a spaceship, where she undergoes medical experiments.

Alice said she hasn't seen her extraterrestrial kidnappers in person. She only remembers lights, noises on the roof and moving shadows before waking up to find mysterious surgical scars on her skin.

Alice, a Corpus Christi resident who asked to remain unidentified, was among about 25 people who attended a Saturday support group

meeting for people who claim they have been abducted by space aliens.

"What I'm concerned with is the things I'm finding on my body," Alice told other support group members. "I have not been in surgery, and yet I have two incisions on my body."

She said she has been abducted at least twice, once in 1990 and a second time recently.

Doris Upchurch, a Flour Bluff resident who heads the local chapter of the Mutual UFO Network Inc., said Alice's experience is not unique. Upchurch estimated that one out of 50

NORTH ARKANSAS VIEW,
Mountain Home, AR

OZARK UFO REPORT

Dec. 26, 1992 CR: W. Eslinger

By W. G. Eslinger

Director, Ozark UFO Network

Another skeptic is converted as "The Intruders" stalk their prey in the Ozarks. It happened on the evening of Oct. 31.

Darkness had just descended on the west side of Gaither Mountain, just southwest of Harrison, a resident of the mountain, returning home from a trip to Harrison, drove into the driveway.

All others of the family were gone, the house was dark. The subject had just braked the pickup truck to a stop, the motor and lights were switched off...and there it was.

Standing some 15 feet away at the rear of the house was a gray alien entity. Momentarily the subject was entranced by the sight of its large eyes. A beam of light shot out from each of the "gray's" eyes.

The beams combined to one once they pierced the windshield toward the subject. The last moment of awareness was filled with the horrifying sound of wild screams of the dogs as they departed from the yard to the fields.

Thirty minutes later consciousness returned. While still sitting in the truck, approximately 25 minutes of disorientation followed. Extremely frightened, the subject attempted to start the truck and leave the area. The ignition was dead. Another suspected alien abduction case was at hand.

Hypnotic regression will

reveal all that happened during the 30-minute period of "missing time."

One happening is known: A thin triangular object with a base of estimated 3/16-inch was implanted in the subject's nasal area. Fortunately for the subject, the following day the object fell out of the right nostril during a mysterious nosebleed.

Involuntary rejection of an alien implant is rarely reported. This important piece of evidence was discarded because the subject was unaware a possible alien encounter had occurred.

After reading about our public meeting at the Boone County Library, the subject became aware of a possible alien connection to the experience. A call to our network and subsequent interview by one of our investigators established the possibility of an alien encounter.

Prior to Oct. 31, the subject was a strong skeptic of UFOlogy. Had the person been better informed, the sight of an extremely large white owl (6-foot wingspread) on three separate dates in the previous weeks would have been an alert that The Intruders were about...and possibly looking for an encounter opportunity.

The illusion of large white owls, other out-sized birds and albino animals are used frequently by The Intruders as decoys or camouflage of alien beings to attract or distract humans' attention or possibly to intimidate.

To differentiate them from

natural albino animals or birds, look closely at the eyes. If of alien origin, frequently the eyes are large, almond-shaped; the color is gold, yellow-gold, amber, yellow-orange.

The list of white animal types seen in the Ozarks grows monthly. If such is observed, the key words are: Be aware and beware! The animal or bird may indicate you should follow it. If you wish to keep your present state of mind and body, I suggest you leave the area immediately. Children are especially susceptible to this danger and should be carefully warned.

Important to The Intruders in their activities is camouflage and deception. This is a subject of discussion in the current issue of our newsletter, *Ozark UFO Chronicle*. (Subscription details are available at the address and phone number listed below.)

Parents and grandparents, don't "tune out" your children when they speak of "faces," a strange man in the closet, at the foot of or underneath their bed, a beam or glow of light in their bedroom or any unexplained sighting of any kind.

A significant number of our adult alien abduction victims suffered their first encounter when less than 10 years old. Their parents thought they were giving reassurance by explaining the event as a nightmare, bad dream, or illusion.

More trauma developed because the child knew that a

real event transpired, and although there were none to listen, the memory of it never faded. Twenty to 30 years later, for the first time, there was someone else to whom the story could be told. They found an informed, sympathetic ear by contacting the Ozark UFO Network.

A correspondent in Minnesota is requesting information from any Navy veteran who served aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVA-42) during the years 1952, '53, '56 or '58. These were the years that UFOs were sighted by crew members on that ship.

The correspondent was aboard the ship in 1958 when he and others observed a cigar-shaped craft with a row of windows showing figures inside. Contrary to Navy regulations, there was no log record or other procedures followed in regard to reporting this event or the sightings in years prior to 1958.

Anyone having information about sightings during those years is requested to contact me.

We urge prompt reporting of UFO sightings, unusual experiences or sightings. All reports and interviews are treated confidential. No names are released without permission, and then only with good reason. Inquires and other requests are welcome. Our mailing address is PO Box 1919, Harrison, AR 72601, phone 741-7278.

Some group members discussed whether aliens have told the U.S. government when the world would end. The conversation prompted one man to pipe up, "I wouldn't trust anything about what the aliens say and what the government says."

Upchurch investigates reports of unidentified flying objects throughout South Texas and recently reorganized the local Mutual UFO Network Inc. chapter, which has about 20 members. She said she checks out about 50 calls annually and has files on dozens of South Texas residents who claim to have seen UFOs. She said about 25 Corpus Christi residents claim to be UFO abductees.

The Mutual UFO Network Inc. was founded in 1967, the same year the Air Force closed Operation Blue Book, part of a 22-year investigation into UFOs.

Originally based in Quincy, Ill., the group headquarters moved to Seguin in 1975.

Walter Andrus, a retired Motorola Inc. executive who helped form the network, has said the organization has 4,100 members worldwide and representatives in every U.S. state.

Since 1967, network members have investigated almost 20,000 legitimate UFO reports, averaging about two sightings daily, Andrus has said. Sightings are deemed legitimate when they remain unexplainable and can't be attributed to things such as bright planets, meteors, stars, aircraft and falling satellite debris.

Evidence Points to Secret U.S. Spy Plane

Magazine Suggests Aircraft Has Flown Mach 8 for Years

By ROY J. HARRIS JR.

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

New evidence suggests that the U.S. is operating secret spy planes, possibly cruising as fast as eight times the speed of sound, and that such aircraft may have been flying for over three years.

An article prepared for Jane's Defence Weekly, a British military-affairs journal, suggests strongly that a \$1 billion plane capable of far greater speed than the current world record-holding SR-71 spy plane is indeed in service globally. The speculation is based in part on a trained aircraft observer's recently reported 1989 sighting of a mysterious wedge-shaped aircraft, flying over the North Sea in a formation with two U.S.-built F-111 bombers and a KC-135 tanker.

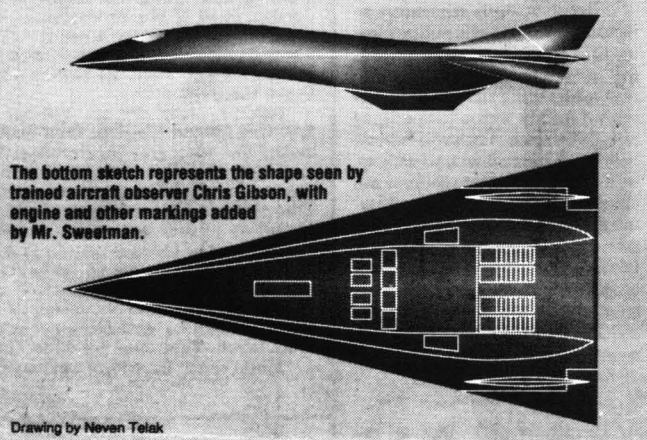
The description of the plane given by British oil-drilling engineer and trained aircraft spotter Chris Gibson is sketchy—little more, in fact, than an unfamiliar aircraft shape he says he watched from his remote North Sea oil rig for about 90 seconds one hazy August day three years ago.

But in an intriguing analysis for Jane's, made available to The Wall Street Journal in advance of next week's scheduled publication, the stealth technology expert who wrote the article uses the sighting as the missing link in a chain of events he believes may explain a number of U.S. military mysteries.

Citing other experts in so-called hypersonic aviation, author Bill Sweetman paints a picture of the hush-hush reconnaissance plane that he believes replaced Lockheed Corp.'s SR-71 Blackbird when the U.S. took it out of service in early 1990.

America's Secret Spy Plane?

Top outline, drawn by Bill Sweetman for Jane's Defence Weekly, reflects how some hypersonic aircraft experts say such a wedge-shaped aircraft might look in profile.



That jet, which holds the official speed record of 2,193 mph, about Mach 3.3, would be a slow-poke compared to the Mach 8 aircraft (5,280 mph) that Mr. Sweetman suggests flew over Mr. Gibson that day in the North Sea.

The Pieces Fall Into Place

His article proposes that the new plane—rumored for years to be called Aurora because that name mysteriously popped up as an unexplained defense budget line item in 1984 next to the SR-71—is also built by Lockheed, with engines by Rockwell International Corp.'s Rocketdyne division. The Jane's report suggests: The planes cost about \$1 billion each; they first flew in about 1985; and they have been the source of a series of strange earthquake-like rumbles still occurring in Southern California and other areas of the world.

With "this last piece" of information, Mr. Sweetman says in an interview, "there are so many things that fall into place." The most important, he says, may be the mystery of why the U.S. retired its last

SR-71 spy plane in 1990 with the explanation that it would rely instead on satellites to meet the reconnaissance needs once satisfied by the aircraft, believed capable of operations well above 100,000 feet.

The Jane's article, echoing others' suggestions that the statement about satellites was intended as a cover for development of a new spy plane, notes that aircraft have a certain reconnaissance usefulness that orbiting cameras can't match.

"The satellite system is believed to be capable of producing imagery within 24 hours of a request: at Mach 8, however, the flight time to any point on Earth is under three hours," the article says. "Unlike a satellite, the aircraft can be scheduled to pass over a target at any desired time of day," and flies closer to the target.

The 'Skunk Works' Legacy

Lockheed won't comment on any secret programs it has going, and refers questions about reconnaissance to the Air Force. But Lockheed Advanced Development Co., the unit popularly known as the "Skunk Works," long has been considered the shop likely to be producing any future spy planes because it developed the last two generations of U-2 and SR-71 planes in the 1950s and 1960s. Both planes flew in total secrecy for years before being acknowledged—in the U-2's case only after pilot Francis Gary Powers was shot down in one in 1960. The California Skunk Works also produced the F-117 Stealth fighter, which also flew secretly before its existence was acknowledged.

The explanation of what he'd seen didn't become clear to Mr. Gibson, a veteran of the now-disbanded Royal Observer Corps of volunteer aircraft spotters, until he recently saw a drawing in an aircraft magazine of a putative hypersonic aircraft design that matched the perfect triangle shape with its 75-degree nose.

"I nearly spat my coffee out all over the floor," says the 30-year-old Mr. Gibson of his reaction to finally seeing a design that seemed to explain what he'd seen three years earlier. In a telephone interview from Houston, where he is attending an engineering training program, Mr. Gibson says that while he couldn't make out much detail of the mystery plane's underside, he easily eliminated all other aircraft shapes that might explain planes of the same size, including F-111s with wings in a swept-back position.

According to the Jane's report, the "perfect 75-degree swept triangle" described by Mr. Gibson corresponded "almost exactly" to designs of Mach 5, or hypersonic, aircraft designed but not built over the past 25 years. Mr. Sweetman took his collected data about the size and shape of the plane and descriptions of unidentified aircraft noise reported from such places as Edwards and Beale Air Force bases in California, where secret planes are often held, and presented them to Paul Czysty, an aerospace-engineering professor at St. Louis University for an opinion. Prof. Czysty is quoted as speculating that such a plane could be powered by liquid methane, which could take it to a maximum cruise speed of Mach 8.

Clues From the Books

As for selecting Lockheed and Rockwell as the likely makers, the Jane's article notes that "Lockheed's financial figures have indicated a continuing, large flow of income for 'classified' and 'special mission' aircraft." The engine responsible for the strange noises that have been heard in California "is closer to a rocket than to a turbojet," the article says. And Mr. Sweetman notes that to have a plane flying in 1989, "a new spy plane program would have been launched at about the same time as the B-2," in the early 1980s. While Northrop and Boeing won the B-2 contract, he says, the "losing team, interestingly, was Lockheed and Rockwell."

Figuring that the aircraft would likely be in very low production—only 50 SR-71s or predecessor aircraft were made, beginning in the early 1960s—the article says that "each reconnaissance aircraft could easily cost as much as \$1 billion." Lockheed reported sales of aeronautical systems totaling \$2.2 billion in 1991, an amount that has steadily fallen from the \$4.2 billion recorded in 1987.

A Lockheed Aeronautical Systems spokesman Richard Stadler, a veteran of having to decline comment on past classified programs, says the company won't discuss revenues of any classified programs, but adds that at the Skunk Works, "supporting the F-117 is the largest program we've got now, as far as active programs go."

A spokesman for the Rockwell Rocketdyne division says the company doesn't build engines for any reconnaissance aircraft, although he adds that Rocketdyne does have some classified programs that it can't discuss.

The speculation about hypersonic aircraft flying over California has special interest for that state's residents, many of whom have felt what they thought were small rumbling earthquakes for nearly a year and a half—only to be told by representatives of the U.S. Geological Survey that some peculiar, unreported aircraft were probably responsible. Scientists have referred to the phenomena as "airquakes," and even described the speed and size of aircraft that might cause them. The Jane's article suggests that the speed and size correspond to those of the mystery spy plane.

As an author, Mr. Sweetman has had considerable experience studying secret aircraft, having written extensively on the Stealth fighter before the Air Force disclosed the existence of that program. He has since written a book on the program. His magazine article engages in heavy speculation, of course, calling its findings "a tentative analysis."

When asked about the sightings, a public affairs officer at the Air Force, which for years denied the existence of the plane now known as the F-117, says, "As far as the Air Force is concerned, there is no such program," and satellites are doing all reconnaissance work.

SUN, Baltimore, MD - Jan. 3, 1993

CR: D. Ratsch

NASA tape re-ignites UFO controversy

By Ed Brandt
Staff Writer

In UFO circles, Don Ratsch is the man who started the latest controversy over whether alien creatures are circling Earth in spaceships.

The 53-year-old truck driver has been intently watching developments in Unidentified Flying Objects since 1966, when a neighbor knocked on his front door one warm summer night and casually asked him if he wanted to see some UFOs.

"I walked outside and looked up, and sure enough, there were two moving, bright objects in the sky that looked like stars," he recounted during a recent interview from his Dundalk home.

"One slowed down to let the other catch up," he said, "and then they sped off."

He started reading about UFOs. In 1970, he chaired a symposium on the subject in Baltimore. He belongs to the Mutual UFO Network,

White specks seen near shuttle

which has 4,000 members.

In September 1991, he was watching the Dundalk Community College station on Comcast cable. The college's satellite dish can pick up signals from NASA. On this particular night, the station showed pictures taken from the shuttle Discovery, which was circling 355 miles above Earth.

Mr. Ratsch noticed two white dots (on Mr. Ratsch's oversize TV screen they were about the size of a large match head) moving on a straight line from right to left between the shuttle and Earth.

They moved rapidly across the screen, made a sudden, sharp right turn and disappeared over the horizon. A split-second later, they were followed by a streak of white light.

Mr. Ratsch thought this unusual. He made copies and sent them

to his UFO club and to Vincent DiPietro, an engineer at Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt. Both parties also thought this was unusual.

As the tapes circulated, they started attracting the attention of the media. Last June, "Hard Copy," a syndicated TV program, showed the film. That same month, Larry King featured the tape on his CNN show and produced two experts to argue the pros and cons of the two white dots and their hard-angle turn. In July, Channel 45 interviewed Mr. Ratsch.

Mr. Ratsch and others believe the white dots represent UFOs; the white streaks are "star wars" weapons the U.S. military fired at the UFOs.

NASA says the dots are debris from the space shuttle, and are only a few feet from the shuttle's cameras. The dots took their sudden right-angle turn when the shuttle fired its thrusters to change direction and pushed them into a right angle.

ARGUS LEADER, Sioux Falls, SD - Nov. 15, 1992

UFO witnesses describe encounters

By CARSON WALKER
Argus Leader Staff

Dennis Reifers didn't have to go to the movies for his first encounter with a UFO.

The Sioux Falls man says he's seen aliens and their spacecraft up close and has examined dead cows that were mutilated without a trace of blood.

Reifers, 35, first saw an unidentified flying object when he was 10 or 12. He and his brother were horseback riding under a full moon on their farm near Colton.

"We got on top of the hill and heard something and looked up and saw a saucer-shaped object was right above us. It

made a sound like a cutting of the wind, a whizzing sound. It was spinning but there were windows all the way around," he said. "You could see something inside but couldn't see what because it was spinning."

Reifers was one of about 25 people who met Saturday in Sioux Falls to share stories and learn about extraterrestrial beings. Members of the Mutual UFO Network of South Dakota—MUFON—called the meeting for people serious about UFOs.

"I guess we're giving them a chance to come out of the closet, so to speak," said Chuck Brooks, assistant state director of MUFON. "You can see by the group of

people they're not a bunch of cracked pots."

Mary Vanderlinde, a state representative from District 15 in Sioux Falls, grew curious about UFOs about a year ago when she saw a crop circle near Leola, Minn.

"It was very strange. There was no beginning or ending, it was just in the middle of a wheat field," she said.

Critics say the UFO sightings and other incidents are natural occurrences.

Reifers said he had several encounters in the late 1960s, into the 1970s:

■ A few years after his first sighting, when his family lived near Montrose, he heard something in the yard.

"I had a gun, and I saw these objects come across the driveway. I hollered at them and I shot, but after that it looked like all three of them floated across the driveway. As far as I could see it was nobody like me," he said.

Reifers said his mother watched from the window and confirmed what he saw.

■ On another farm in about 1975 Reifers saw the bodies of two cows with several incisions.

"It was the cleanest job I've ever seen. There was no blood, no nothing. The surgery on them was out of this world, very cleanly cut. No blood around it, not even on the hair."

Hills Report Time Loss During 1961 Encounter

by Bland Pugh and Patti Weatherford

In 1961, Betty and Barney Hill of Portsmouth, New Hampshire sighted a flying saucer. After their sighting, they noticed unexplained scuff marks on Barney's shoes and rows of shiny circles on the trunk of their car. Furthermore, they could not account for almost two hours of their time. After suffering psychic distress for months, they sought professional medical help. As a result of individual therapy, including time regression hypnosis, they gave close to identical accounts of what happened during those missing two hours.

In short, they told of being taken aboard an alien spacecraft, questioned and physically examined by alien beings. These EBE's (Extraterrestrial Biological Entities) were puzzled by the fact that Barney's teeth came out but Betty's did not. That doesn't mean they didn't try to take hers out too! "The Interrupted Journey," by John G. Fuller in 1966 detailed their encounter and was one of the first, if not the first book published about alien abduction.

Similar Experiences

During the ensuing 25 years other reports from individuals who had never heard of Betty and Barney, began to consciously remember similar encounters themselves. Sometimes the information would surface during professional treatment for things such as anxiety, stress, or paranoia. The reports were found not only in the U. S., but all over the world.

These people described similar encounters, similar beings, similar medical procedures, implants being placed in similar physical locations. The sketches drawn by these people bore uncanny similarities. Many described the same small-framed, large-headed, being with large black eyes. Although the abduction phenomenon has been further exposed and publicized in books by Budd Hopkins and Raymond Fowler, these authors and other investigators continue to withhold certain aspects of the abductions so that they can attempt to verify an abductee's story.

Ever since 1947 ufologists have asked, "How much does the government/military know about extraterrestrials?" Over time, that question has evolved to, "To what extent is the government/military involved with these extraterrestrials?" A similar progression has occurred related to the abduction phenomenon. Initially, it was, "How much does the government/military know about these abductions?" Recently, it has become, "To what extent is the government/military involved with these abductions?"

We'll explain. Some abductees have reported through conscious recall or regression hypnosis, seeing these EBE's and our military working together. They report being taken to underground or underwater "military type" bases, where humans in military fatigues/uniforms are seen. Although there have been reports of EBE's who look human, these mentioned above communicate verbally, as you and I do, not telepathically as is the reported form of communication of the EBE.

CPA Tells Story

If you missed the November MUFON meeting, you missed Leah Haley (not her real name). She has a B. S. degree, a M. A. degree, a MBA, is a CPA, former college instructor, wife and mother. Sounds pretty normal. In fact, sounds pretty intelligent. She related her story of alien abduction and abduction experiences involving humans in military uniforms. Some of her information comes through conscious recall and

some through hypnosis, which she will tell you up front, the reliability of which is unknown.

She consciously remembers an incident involving our military and the EBE's, commonly referred to as the "greys" on a beach. She also remembers being taken to an underground facility with a camouflaged hillside entrance. Leah also remembers being injected with something, by a human in military uniform and before losing consciousness, hearing them say "she knows too much, how are we going to handle this?" Leah said her ability to handle abductions by aliens was a "piece of cake" compared to her ability to handle abductions by the military of her own country.

Far Out?

Sound far out? Pick up this book, hot off the press... "Into the Fringe," by Karla Turner, Ph.D. Dr. Karla Turner earned her B.A. from California State University, her M.A. from the University of Nottingham in England and her Ph.D. in Old English Studies from the University of North Texas. She is married to a professional computer consultant and they have one son. In 1988, she and her family began unraveling and uncovering their UFO and abduction experiences. To get the whole picture-read the book.

One important point is that through regression hypnosis, her husband (Casey) recalled being over water, going down through a tunnel and into a large underground opening. He found himself in an old western-type saloon. Others were sitting at tables also and everyone seemed stunned or dumbfounded, not completely in control of themselves. He felt the presence of humans, but no EBE's. At one point he recalled seeing large crates/boxes that looked to be of military origin. He found himself sitting across a small table from a man in military uniform who was getting "pissed" and "threatening" because he (Casey) was not cooperating, not telling what he knew. He did not recall being injected with anything, but felt the back of his neck was bombarded with something that numbed him and took away some of his will.

So, here we have three abduction scenarios involving, 1) EBE's only; 2) EBE's and human military; and 3) human military types only. Obviously the government knows something about abductions. It looks like maybe they are involved with some race or type of EBE and their abductions. And last but not least, it looks like they want to know more about the abductions being carried out by some other types of EBE's they are not familiar with. And, it looks like they want to know more bad enough to resort to abduction/drugging/interrogation of U.S. Citizens. If these things are true, we're not sure which of the three scenarios is more frightening.

Truth Is Strange

We realize that this sounds like a script for a James Bond or Science-Fiction movie and it is up to you to decide what is the truth. Just remember that the truth is often more strange than fiction.

According to an article in the November 1992 issue of the MUFON Journal, one of the MUFON's State Section Directors serving on Bush's campaign committee, queried Bush about his knowledge of UFO's and the CIA. His response, "You don't know the half of it."

Don't forget to contact our Hotline number 904/438-3261 to report an UFO sighting.

OBSERVER-REPORTER, Washington, PA - Oct. 25, 1992 CR: S. Gordon

Most UFO sightings easily explained

By Andy MacBeth
Staff Writer

While there are many traditional spooky stories and legends about ghosts, haunted houses and grisly happenings in the Washington-Greene county area, there also are reports of otherworldly occurrences.

One of the most recent was reported June 23 by a woman in Hanover Township. According to Stan Gordon, head of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU), the woman, whom he did not name, was driving on Route 22 at about 9:40 p.m. when she saw an object flying just above the treetops.

Within seconds, she saw another similar object following behind the first, then another. All three looked the same: gray tubular objects shaped like a long fuselage without wings, each with three lights, green, yellow and red, blinking at the same time. They circled twice, making no sound, then vanished as quickly as they appeared, Gordon said.

"At first she thought they were military aircraft in maneuvers or a state police helicopter," Gordon said. "But they were very low."

PASU investigated the claim, as it does all the claims it receives, and could not come up with an explanation. That does not often happen, he said.

"Most reports have logical explanations," Gordon

said. "Most UFO reports are meteorological stuff, like the meteor the other night. After we eliminate all the logical things, there are still things that are unexplained. Those are the things we are interested in."

The unexplained over the years has included thousands of UFO reports dating to the 1800s and sightings in Western Pennsylvania of a large gorilla-type creature popularly known as Big Foot, Gordon said.

Contrary to what one may think, PASU gets very few reports from "crackpots," Gordon said.

"People are very reluctant to talk about it," he said. "They are afraid people won't take them seriously or will think they are crazy."

PASU, a state-wide clearinghouse that investigates reports of the unexplained, counts among its volunteers scientists, engineers and retired military officials, Gordon said. It is not open to the public and does not receive funding from the state, he said.

"We work as scientific detectives," he said. "We go where the evidence leads."

Those interested in the organization can get information by sending a large, self-addressed envelope to PASU, No. 6 Oak Hill Avenue, Greensburg, Pa., 15601.

INDEPENDENT, Tenino, WA - Dec. 2, 1992

Anyone else see a UFO? A Tenino man says he did!

Did you happen to see a UFO late Friday night?

If so, Tenino resident Jim Crabbe would feel a lot better.

That's because he saw one about 11:15 that evening from his front porch in west Tenino.

"Suddenly there was a green light rising over the hill, and then there was a saucer shape with white lights and three green lights around the middle of it.

"It moved around a lot and there was lots more flashing lights, but no sound. My wife and a friend saw it, too.

"I called the Air Force at McChord and asked if any of their

aircraft had green lights and they said no. According to them green lights aren't used on aircraft because they don't show up very well."

Crabbe also called The Log Tavern and asked if they could see it from downtown. "The bartender asked if I was drunk or spaced out on drugs! I would have called the police, but they probably would have thought the same thing.

"People will probably think I'm nuts, but I know what I saw and it wasn't a helicopter. I was around a lot of helicopters when I was in the Army and I know what they look and sound like."

Unfortunately there was no camera in the house to record the UFO's appearance. "If I'd had a video camera I'll bet it would have been on TV all over the state," he says.

"The thing looked like it was dropping off or picking up someone. Then, all of a sudden, it just rose up into the sky and disappeared."

Whatever it was, Jim Crabbe is very sure it wasn't anything he's ever seen before. "It was a real experience. I may never be the same again."

And he sounded dead serious when he said it!

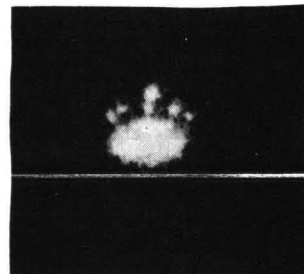
BUBBA COMES BACK!

UFO Glows Red, Then White Turns In Same Exciting Performance For Faithful Skywatch Team Members

by Bland Pugh

BULLETIN - I received a call telling me of sightings taking place on the beach over the past few days. I then decided to see for myself, so for the past three nights, another skywatcher and myself have been on watch at two different locations on Pensacola Beach. Sunday night we observed what we thought was the UFO, and were excited to see it, however, because of the color we were somewhat reserved about our sighting. Then on Monday night I had a sighting from Shoreline Park, that was very similar to the first, again we were hesitant in reporting our sightings.

On Tuesday evening we tried one more time, we hit pay-dirt! Moments after arriving in the parking lot, getting our coats on and putting our binoculars around our necks, there it was the Big Ruby Red UFO that has been so elusive since the middle of July. It did everything it normally does, it pulsed on and off white in the red mode, then faded dim before com-



WELCOME HOME - The world famous Gulf Breeze/Pensacola Beach UFO is back again after a three month absence.

Photo by Patti Weatherford.

ing back brilliant white, and emitting several objects both to the side and straight down before fading out completely. The sighting lasted approximately 5 to 6 minutes.

If anyone else happened to witness this sighting please call our Hotline 438-3261 and report it.



UFOs and aliens prove fascinating for the Earthlings

There have been many sightings of UFOs in recent years and the existence of them is a most fascinating prospect. On the weekend, a conference was held so UFO buffs could share their unusual experiences. Tim Knight went along to find out more



Were UFOs to exist, they could contain human-like life forms such as the one pictured here

Close encounters

If you have had a UFO experience, a close encounter or a brush with a Man In Black, the Courier would like to hear from you. Please write to UFO Watch, c/o Tim Knight, Kent and Sussex Courier, Longfield Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. TN2 3HL. Any photographs you send will be returned.

IN THE run-up to From Outer Space To You — UFO '92, a weekend of talks and discussion of the UFO at Forge Cottage, Perch Lane, Lamberhurst Quarter, a strange man in a black suit was spotted walking up and down the lane, asking people questions about the event.

Organiser Alan Hilton believes it to have been one of the Men In Black, mysterious figures whose aim seems to be the discouragement of UFO investigation.

"He was very friendly," Alan said, "but seemed to know everything about the weekend." There was some speculation that the man might return during the event, last weekend, but he did not materialise and the two days passed without incident.

On Saturday, Dan Goring, editor of Skylark, kicked off proceedings with a collection of 'incredible stories told by seemingly credible people' over the last 20 years.

These covered incidents of a 'ball of light' landing in Ashdown Forest on April 5, 1978; American air force pilots disappearing for 20 years; time standing still; and a man's hunt for the Ark of the Covenant.

"Who knows what is really going on?" Dan concluded.

Full-time UFO investigator, writer and speaker, Robert France, gave a blow-by-blow account of a woman's encounter with a Man In Black. He then went on to a fascinating, but rather involved, talk about the nature of metaphysical manifestations be they angels, aliens or demons.

This centred around The Alice Syndrome — that these manifestations would have human attributes and a compatible form of communication — and suggested some form of manipulative intelligence working on the collective group mind of mankind.

After lunch, Dan Goring returned with more tales of space aliens and Men In Black and told

He was allowed to give his talks because the security forces told him: 'No one will believe you anyway'

the audience, a surprising cross-section of all ages, interests and professions from all over the country, of his own experiences in his quest for the truth.

"I drifted in this field in the mid '60s from astronomy and got involved in the Essex UFO study group," he explained.

"But sometimes we concentrate too much on looking for UFOs in the sky when a lot of what is happening is happening right here under our noses."

By the mid '70s, Dan had started to be harassed — possibly from Men In Black.

He was almost concertina-d between two lorries on a dual-carriageway, while a car in the outside lane just sat parallel with his own, the driver sitting there grinning at him — a classic MIB trait.

Convinced that his phone was tapped, he would get crank calls

and often the phone would ring and when picked up there would be no one there.

As soon as it was replaced, the phone would ring again and this would carry on until the phone had to be left off the hook. On one occasion this went on for half-an-hour!

Eventually, the UFO group he belonged to dissolved after a Man In Black had stirred up an argument about the club funds.

Sunday's timetable was devoted to the soft-spoken Geoff Freed, a master story-teller and former government 'phenomena' investigator.

Although still covered by a D-notice that prevents him talking much about his official work, Geoff revealed that he was allowed to give his talks on UFOs because the security forces told him: "no one will believe you anyway".

He said: "We live in a very small part of the universe and we know nothing. It is human arrogance to say 'because I can't believe in it, it doesn't exist'. If you look at ancient legends, religions and myths, there is absolute proof that people came to Earth from other places."

"Scientists studied the Dogons tribe in Africa for two-and-a-half years and when they were about to leave the tribal shaman, asked them if they would like to visit the tribe's holy cave."

"Expecting only old bones and spears, they accepted the invitation but instead found a star map of some unknown material. The map was sent to NASA, but found to be incorrect ... until Voyager was sent up, and then it was reali-

sed the map had been right all along!"

He told of a woman given a black box by Bolivian natives that would start ticking when aliens were approaching the planet, and when it became a continuous note they would land. The box started ticking four years ago...

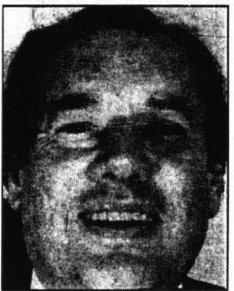
About 800 people across the globe have told Geoff the story of a planet in our solar system that destroyed itself, becoming the asteroid belt, between Mars and Jupiter. "It was a planet much like our own and it blew itself to smithereens."

Geoff added: "Only 5,400 people got away — military-types, politicians and so on — and they landed on our world, in Persia."

Unimpressed with the hairy, primitive people they found, they "interfered" with our DNA — thus breaking the golden rule of the Galactic Council, that of non-interference.

Therefore the council have put representatives of five alien races on Earth to monitor the planet until 2030.

There are the 11ft tall giants who are in charge of the whole operation: the blonde or red-haired "waxies", who are about our height and monitor politics and finance; the thin, gentle Close Encounters-type, called the Muses of Old, who monitor theatre and the arts; the E.T. — lookalikes who monitor children's education, child abuse and so on; and the



Alan Hilton, the organiser of the UFO conference on the weekend

tiny little beings who monitor rivers and oceans, known as trogs or leprechauns.

During the day, Geoff presented many theories and ideas, often contradictory, but he was the first to admit that these were only suggestions and if anyone really knew the truth, they were keeping very quiet.

The weekend was a constant bombardment with stories, accounts, speculation and theories, far too much to take in in just the two days. Some were obviously cranky, faked or a mistake.

But Geoff said: "About one in 5,000 reports is 'unexplainable' and it is these that really stir the interest."

SUNDAY MAIL, Glasgow, Scotland - Nov. 8, 1992 CR: T. Good

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS!



UFO probe in town of terror

TERRIFIED townsfolk are scouring the sky at night — for the tell-tale signs of space invaders.

The move follows a rash of UFO sightings in the area.

So far locals have reported at least 22 close encounters.

And now a worried councillor in

EXCLUSIVE BY ALEX MOONEY

Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire, has called for a full investigation.

Billy Buchanan claims residents are living in terror of nightly visits from strange airborne craft.

"I've been swamped by calls from frightened people who've seen UFOs in the past two weeks," he said.

"They are not loonies but quiet, respectable townsfolk."

"Too many people have sighted the UFOs for it to be dismissed lightly."

HOWL Yesterday councillor Buchanan and some of the townsfolk headed for the moors above Bonnybridge where most sightings have taken place.

Isabella Sloggett, of Leapark Drive, said: "My daughter Carole and I saw a UFO land right in front of us."

"A door opened and

there was a howl-like sound. I screamed and ran off terrified."

Carole, 31, said: "Suddenly there was a flash-light as if we were being photographed."

"When we got back to our house this thing was hovering in the sky. Our neighbours all saw it."

Local businessman George Wilson, 43, of Glasgow Road, said: "I was in the Co-op along with about a dozen others when we saw a UFO above the moors."

Councillor Buchanan is calling a UFO-ologist in next week.

"The last thing I want to do is create hysteria," he explained.

"If there is another explanation for all these sightings then I will be glad to hear it."



WATCH THIS SPACE — Councillor Buchanan (right) with some of the townsfolk

LETTERS Intelligent lights in the sky

THERE is no doubt in my own mind that among the many strange lights seen in the skies are craft from beyond this planet.

There is also plenty of evidence, for those who have made a serious study of the phenomenon of UFOs, that these are intelligently controlled. Therefore it is not surprising that they are taking an interest in our defence bases in this country, as well as many other things, and elsewhere. They probably regard us as a potential menace.

One afternoon in 1965 my husband and I were in the garden when I drew his attention to an object coming from due West. This object was triangular and like the sail of a yacht; it possessed no markings, no appendages, and it was gunmetal grey in colour.

It came over the farmhouse roof, dipped at 200 feet, made an abrupt right-angled turn due North — and vanished. We compared notes and the most amazing thing of all was that this object was "thin" when it turned, and did not seem so solid.

Patricia M Finch
Axminster
Devon

CR: T. Good

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WHAT WE SAW:

"A bright object appeared in the sky. It was pretty low: a big red and white triangle with dotted lights. It was really strange, almost like the end of a house with Christmas lights"

— BARBARA STOCKS

WHAT WE SAW:

"There was a strange glowing shape which wasn't moving. People who have admitted spotting something are being asked if they are on wacky baccy or if they've drunk too much"

— BRIDIE CASSELLS



STRANGE BUT TRUE: Isabella Sloggett with her daughter, Carole, at the site in Bonnybridge where they claim to have seen a UFO.



TAKING STOCK: Barbara Stocks and her daughter, Sarah, who spoke of seeing unusual objects around Kincardine. (Ref. 922626) Pictures by JIM McELROY

CLOSE encounters of a weird kind have set Bonnybridge buzzing.

A string of suspicious sightings has been made in the skies at night.

Now an apparent U.F.O. has been spotted by a mother and her daughter as they drove home to Kincardine.

An expert who probes strange phenomenon is urging Falkirk District people to report any strange sightings or unusual encounters.

Meanwhile, a growing number of people in the Bonnybridge area claim to have witnessed strange objects hovering over deserted moorland.

But the fear of ridicule has prevented several men and women from speaking out in public.

Mrs Barbara Stocks, Kirk Street, Kincardine, was returning home from a shopping excursion with her 13-year-old daughter, Sarah, when they witnessed a bright triangular object in the sky.

Mrs Stocks said: "It was pretty low in the sky — a big red and white triangle with dotted lights. It was really strange, almost like the end of a house with Christmas lights."

□ Glowing

"I honestly don't know what it was, but we both spotted it at the same time."

Mrs Stocks, a community worker, added: "I know what I saw and I told my husband who, although a sceptic, believes I saw something but thinks there must be a reasonable explanation for it."

Bricklayer Allan Cassells (40) and his 14-year-old twins, Leona and Allan junior, have seen a strange glowing shape over Bonnybridge.

Mr Cassells' wife, Bridie, said: "It was not like a plane or helicopter. My husband's attention was drawn to it because it wasn't moving."

"Quite a few people saw

CLOSE

ENCOUNTERS

Witnesses tell of seeing unidentified flying objects

Unexplained objects have been seen around Bonnybridge and Kincardine. **CHRISTINE HENDERSON** speaks to witnesses, as a U.F.O. expert urges others to come forward

something last Tuesday but people who have admitted spotting something are getting ridiculed, asked if they are on wacky baccy or if they have had too much to drink."

Members of another family maintain they saw a U.F.O. landing outside Bonnybridge in March.

"We didn't say anything because we didn't think people would believe us," said 26-year-old Carole Sloggett, Leapark Drive, Greenhill.

"It was about 7 p.m. when my mother, brother and I were

walking from Hallglen to Bonnybridge down back roads.

"This thing seemed to land in the moors. When we got closer there was a big blue light which filled the road. There was a whirring, a sound like a door opening, chains rattling and then something howled.

"My mother ran away and then this big truck thing, like a huge Tonka toy, came out of the trees and something flashed. It was like we had been photographed. Then it went back into the trees.

"I've no doubt whatsoever. I saw a U.F.O."

Her mother, Isabella, said: "It was quite frightening. I wouldn't have believed it before until I saw it for myself. I think we saw a U.F.O."

One businessman, who did not want to be identified, said: "I wanted to tell people what had happened but I wasn't prepared for their reaction and the ridicule.

"It was about 10 o'clock at night. I was driving along the high road from Falkirk to Bonnybridge. There was a very bright light in the sky. It seemed to be a mile away.

"The light never moved and the closer I got the brighter it became. I couldn't make out a shape, just a cluster of lights, and I stopped the car within a few hundred yards of it. But when I stepped out on to the grass verge, it went off in another direction.

"At first I thought it could be a helicopter but I heard no sound except a very, very low hum."

SIGHTINGS TAKEN 'VERY SERIOUSLY'

U.F.O. expert Malcolm Robinson said his organisation took all sightings "very seriously", but admitted it was often "up against the fear of ridicule".

Mr Robinson is the founder of the Strange Phenomenon Investigations research group. He said: "We collect evidence from individuals and our hope is that we can help to establish why these things are being seen throughout the skies of the world.

"About ten years ago I did research concerning a number of sightings in the Denny and Bonnybridge areas. I find it surprising that we've now had similar U.F.O. observations in the same locality."

He stressed that "95 out of 100 sightings had natural down-to-earth explanations".

Added Mr Robinson: "But, at the end of the day, there may be people in Falkirk District who are reluctant to come forward to speak about their experiences.

"I'd urge them to get in touch with me by telephoning (0259) 724033."

An R.A.F. Leuchars spokesman said: "The only thing which can hover is a helicopter. I've made inquiries and can't come across anything which fits this description."

A spokesman for Edinburgh Airport was at a loss over what was seen.

He said: "We can't explain the mysterious objects other than helicopters at dawn or dusk."

WHAT WE SAW:

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— CAROLE SLOGGETT

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"There was a very bright light in the sky. I couldn't make out a shape, just a cluster of lights. When I stepped out, it disappeared. I heard no sound except a very, very low hum"

— ANONYMOUS BUSINESSMAN

Are aliens watching Langley Mill?

A UFO flap had police diving for cover in the Erewash Valley - hours after a mystery ball bounced across the sky.

Two bobbies saw it over Langley Mill soon after midnight on Tuesday. Then it headed for Jackdale.

Two other people, one a man walking his dog, spotted the shiny ball over Shipley Country

Park.

Notts police alerted their colleagues in Derbyshire as more calls came in.

But in the cold light of day, a Notts police spokesman claimed: "Hucknall Police cover that area and say as far as they are concerned, it didn't happen."

But the Derbyshire force confirmed receipt of a call from a Notts patrol car.

Now the reports are to be investigated by the Phenomena Research Association which is trying to get to the bottom of recent sightings of a massive flying triangle seen near Smalley.

And a leading investigator Omar Fowler said the ball could be an alien force carrying out observation.

It could have been sent out from creatures aboard the triangle.

Mr Fowler (61) said: "There have been numerous sightings of this sort across the world.

"This is a typical UFO which is normally associated with reconnaissance."

His group believes two alien nations are currently watching Planet Earth.

They say one even abducts humans for up to 90 minutes then brainwashes them before dropping them off near home.

CHEPSTOW & CALDICOT FREE PRESS,
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UFO launch

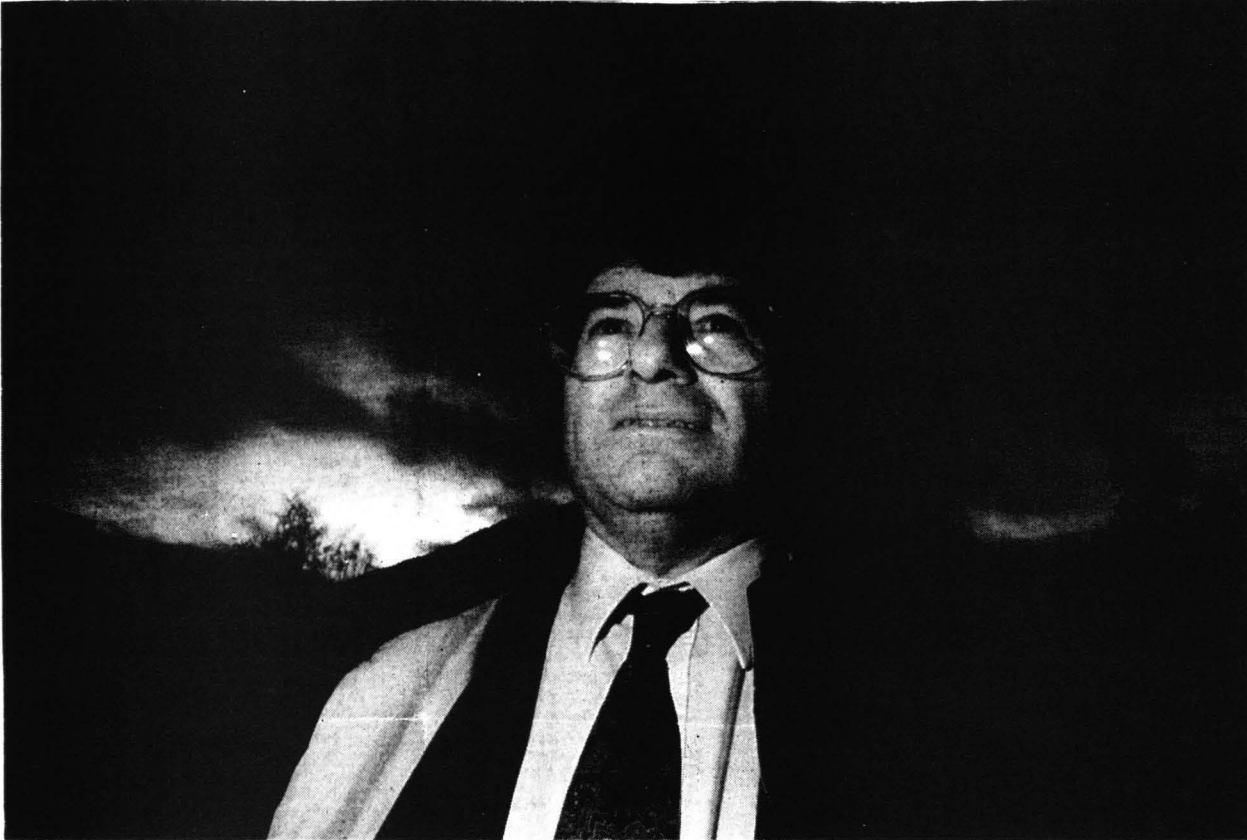
Sir — A new quarterly newsletter will be released in a few months covering the subject of UFOs, crop circles and other related phenomenon. Would any readers interested in this subject please reply to Alex Hughes, Box 028, Free Press Series, Pontymoile Corner, Pontypool, Gwent. NP4 6XF

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FIFE FREE PRESS, Kirkcaldy, Scotland - Dec. 4, 1992 CR: T. Good

UFO MYSTERY AT KINGHORN

SCOTSMAN, Edinburgh, Scotland - Nov. 28, 1992 CR: T. Good



Looking to the stars: 'I really feel there must be something to it,' says Ron Halliday. 'I live in hope... I am spurred on because I haven't seen anything'

Profile on Saturday

Desperately seeking a close encounter

HE hasn't seen one yet, but he keeps trying. Eyes ever skyward, Ron Halliday continually searches for the evanescent glow of the elusive unidentified flying object.

Drawn by the magnetic attraction of the paranormal, he has been interested in all things strange from a very early age. Now he runs Scottish Earth Mysteries Research and this week helped to set up the Scottish UFO Report Line.

Other people have seen them, these flying fancies, but poor Mr Halliday has yet to discern even a flickering red light in the night sky. For him, flying objects seem to want to remain unidentified.

Instead, he listens to people marvelling over the furiously flying light-bulb shaped object, the long strip of bright white light and the luminous disc landing behind some trees.

Mr Halliday gives his reporters confidence in their sightings because he

Audrey Gillan meets a man whose extra-curricular activities are dedicated towards the extra-terrestrial

wants to believe. Talk to him and he will attempt to hang any traces of scepticism on the peg with your overcoat.

This man's interests stretch from crop circles, chill spots and ghosts to unidentified sightings. "I have always been interested in the paranormal," he says. "My grandmother had second sight, she was forever seeing things. There were always books on the paranormal lying around the house and I read them all."

UFOs are too easily dismissed and so Mr Halliday has taken it on himself to champion the cause. "People are having these experiences all the time. There seems very little official interest in getting to the bottom of it."

His investigations are attempting to reach that bottom. "I really feel there must be something to it. I do accept that a lot of sightings are misreports or misidentification of ordinary objects. But we still need an explanation for what's going on."

Working as an administrator at Stirling University during the day, this UFO seeker spends his evenings scanning the night sky. A thirst for the unknown and a tolerant wife allow most of his spare time to be consumed by his passion for Scottish Earth Mysteries Research.

Now that the hotline has been opened, Mr Halliday excitedly expects his evenings to be even busier. A recent wave of sightings in the Lothian

area has kept the telephone chirping. "There have been regular sightings of green lights travelling at tremendous speed in Lothian. I believe it leaves a vapour trail — more than ten people saw that on 16 August."

"There have been people seeing something shining down on their house. Another chap was driving home when he saw a large solid object just flash across the road."

He makes a point that his reports are from "level-headed people who can recognise something that doesn't fit into the normal pattern of things".

He is eagerly awaiting the day that one of his UFO report forms will actually have the name Ron Halliday noted as the reporter of a sighting. "I live in hope," he confesses. "I am spurred on because I haven't seen anything. I don't know, maybe I have seen something and it just hasn't clicked with me."

The Scottish UFO Report Line is on: 0426-983401

A PENSIONER has been trying to convince friends and family of his real-life 'close encounter'.

Retired electrical engineer Bill Clelland was an eye-witness to an unidentified flying object over the skies of Fife ... even though the RAF say they didn't pick up anything on their radar.

Mr Clelland, 9 Inchview, Kinghorn, was travelling with a friend on the Kirkcaldy to Kinghorn road when he saw a "cigar-shaped ball of fire hurtling across the sky."

He explained: "We were coming near the golf course when this thing flew over the top of us, and disappeared over the horizon."

"I didn't hear any noise, but the engine was running so that might have drowned it out. But I definitely saw it, and it was visible for between 15 and 25 seconds."

Explanations put forward by RAF Leuchars — that it might have been a plane with landing lights on, or a low-flying jet with its afterburners glowing — were dismissed by Mr Clelland, who said the object was just too big to be any of these.

He added: "I don't really have any idea what it was exactly, but I know what it wasn't. It was too big to be a firework, and it couldn't have been a hoax."

"At first I thought it might have been a joke, but it would be a very expensive gag to play. I've never seen a comet before, so it might have been that."

But an expert on astronomy and space research says the description given doesn't match up with any natural phenomenon.

Russel Eberst, now retired from the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh, commented: "Comets don't shoot across the sky and, although there was a comet in the sky at the time, you would only just be able to see it with the naked eye on a very clear night."

"It was also in the sky rather too long to have been a shooting star, or meteor. One possibility is that it could have been a satellite returning to earth, and burning up on re-entry."

"That might well be seen for this length of time."

Mr Clelland is reluctant to pin any extra-terrestrial tag on what he saw, and he admits to being completely baffled.

"I've never seen anything like this in my life — I've got no explanation at all. A friend has told me since that he saw something stationary in the sky on the same night."

"But the reaction of most folk is just to ask what pub I was drinking in at the time!"

OBSERVER, Chichester,
England - Oct. 22,
1992 CR: T. Good

Sighting UFO plea

Reports of a large unidentified flying object in the Chichester area are being investigated by a Fishbourne man who is compiling a list of local sightings.

Physicist Edward Richards has been taking an interest in UFOs for many years, and he says he has evidence of about 20 sightings, mainly around Chichester.

The latest was on Saturday, September 19, between Chichester and Midhurst, when Mr Richards said a low-level UFO was seen briefly in the late afternoon by two people.

"They described it as a large fluorescent green upright cylinder, with three spindly legs, travelling steadily and noiselessly northwards at an estimated speed of 20 to 40mph at a height of about 100ft," he said.

Mr Richards, of Barker Close, Fishbourne, appealed for information from anyone else who saw the object. He can be contacted on Chichester 781820.

GUARDIAN, Northwich, England - Oct. 14, 1992 CR: T. Good

Six see UFO

A STRANGE unidentified flying object was spotted over the skies of Northwich by at least six different people at the weekend.

The spate of sightings took place between 11.00pm and midnight on Saturday and ranged from Antrobus to Anderton.

A group of three teenage boys

returning to Northwich after a night out in Warrington were stunned to see the mystery craft fly over their car.

They were on the outskirts of the Antrobus when the eerie episode took place.

Lights

Seventeen-year-old Jamie Appleton had just crossed the M 56 with his friends when a ring of bright lights

flew over their car.

Jamie said the ring grew larger, divided into two and then came back together.

The group of youths are all convinced they saw the same thing and are positive that they were not fooled by an optical illusion.

A Comberbach farmer is also adamant that he saw a spacecraft fly over his property.

Alfred Barber was

returning to his farm on Goosebrook Lane with his wife Dorothy May at 11.50pm when the headlights of his car caught the craft in their beam.

The farmer, aged 74, said: "It looked like an octopus. It was dark grey and had no lights on. There was no noise and it was a bit creepy but both of us definitely saw it."

"I have never seen anything like it before and I hadn't anything to drink. I never drink and drive."

He added: "I don't know what the devil it was. I didn't believe in flying saucers before but I believe there is something out there now. I wasn't imagining it and neither was my wife."

And yet another person has come forward to say he witnessed strange goings on in the night sky above Anderton.

John Tudor, from Bridge farm, said: "I saw what looked like a big ball of gas with tendrils. It was about half past eleven at night."

"Other people I have spoken to say they saw something odd on Saturday night. I don't think it was a flying saucer but I don't what it was."

The incident was reported to air traffic controllers at Manchester Airport on Saturday night.

Moves to mark forest's UFO mystery

IT'S a tussle between mankind and aliens on a lonely spot in West Lothian. The harder one side tries to commemorate a visit from outer space, the more mysterious events occur to cover it up.

Now unidentified flying object enthusiasts in Scotland have decided action on a large scale is required. At Dechmont Law, they hope to build the world's first sculpture to mark the falling to earth of a spaceship, its six-legged pod-like passengers and the brutal assault those creatures perpetrated on an innocent forestry worker, Bob Taylor.

One day in 1979, Mr Taylor, then in his early sixties, was working in the forest when he came across a silver spacecraft. Two spheres with legs and feet exited the craft and tumbled towards him.

One brushed his body, emitted a gassy smell and he

Linda Kennedy reports on strange happenings in a lonely spot in West Lothian

blackened out. On regaining consciousness he felt weak and his trousers were ripped.

In January this year Livingston Development Corporation erected a plaque to mark the incident. There was never any proof of the encounter — but it became legend. Space fanatics visited the spot, Arthur C Clarke wrote about it in *Mysterious World*.

For UFO enthusiasts it was a victory: the first time any kind of recognition had been given to a visit from creatures out galaxy-hopping. But the delight was shortlived.

In recent weeks, the plaque was stolen and the world's one totem of an alien presence vanished. To this day, the identity of the thieves remains a mystery. There are theories — many people believe the visitors came back — but evidence is scant.

Instead of being discouraged by events, however, Ron Halliday, of Scottish Earth Mysteries Research, is determined to use the opportunity to create a burlier monument. He will approach businesses and funding bodies to raise several thousand pounds for a sculpture.

Final artistic decisions have yet to be taken, but the favoured option is a tableau of the moment of attack.

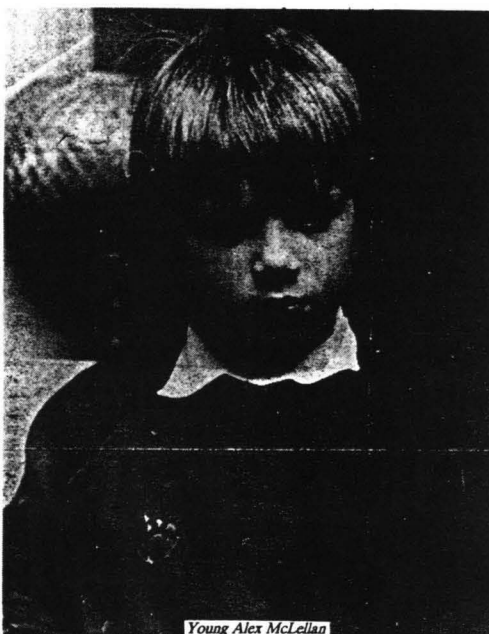
The stars would be life-size representations of Mr Taylor, the aggressive multi-limbed spheres and their spacecraft. Eschewing clay or even papier-mache, Mr Halliday believes the monument would work best in stone. That's the most durable material, he believes.

Spy writer's amazing theory on BT worker's hotel fall

MYSTERY OF 'UFO DEATH'

CHEADLE TIMES, Staffs., England - Nov. 4, 1992 CR: T. Good

U.F.O. OVER TEAN?



Young Alex McLellan

A TEAN woman who practices stress management has spotted an Unidentified Flying Object over the village.

Mrs Helen McLellan, her husband and son Alex were just getting into the car on Sunday when Alex said 'Look - a Flying Saucer'.

Helen thought it was just her son's furtive imagination and thought no more of it until both she and her husband looked up and saw the UFO, which was round in shape.

As the family car pulled away, the UFO shot to the other end of the lane and back to where their bungalow is situated.

The next day, Mr McLellan asked his son to draw a picture of the UFO - and what he drew corresponded to what both his parents had also seen.

Mrs McLellan explained that they were used to having helicopters and microlites flying overhead but this UFO made no noise and had red and white flashing lights.

The incident has definitely sparked the family's imagination and Mrs McLellan added 'we will be out now trying to spot more'.

STAR PHOENIX, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada - Sept. 1, 1992

CLOSE TO HOME

UFO REPORTED: Another week, another UFO sighting.

This time the witnesses are Jason Nadrowski and Lori Popoff, two young people who were enjoying a moment of quiet bliss in Mayfair Park Thursday night when their sighting took place.

"We just sort of glanced up behind us and it was in the southwest sky," said Nadrowski, who was vaguely aware of last week's UFO sightings near Dundurn.

"It was like this giant, black object. It was hard to see. It shimmered through south and

just kept on going."

Nadrowski, who had never reported a UFO before, is certain the object wasn't an aircraft or satellite.

Nadrowski said the UFO was a deeper black than the sky.

This contrasts with the Dundurn sightings, which were reported as strange lights that disappeared and appeared in formation.

After several people claimed to see the lights, it was discovered an infantry unit was conducting night training exercises at the military base at Dundurn. The unit was using powerful flares to illuminate the battlefield.

By ROBERT LIDDLE

A STARTLING new claim has emerged that an Ipswich scientist might have been murdered because of his involvement in Star Wars-type projects, possibly including work with UFOs.

Best-selling novelist Sidney Sheldon suggests in a book that 29-year-old BT employee Jonathan Wash could have been killed because he knew too much about extra-terrestrial activity.

Jonathan was found dead seven years ago tomorrow beneath a hotel balcony in the African Ivory Coast, where he was supposed to be advising on a major telephone contract.

One of a number of mysteries in the case was the discovery of strange messages scratched on a wall in a hotel room two floors above Jonathan's room.

Some of Jonathan's belongings were also found in this room, and the suggestion was that he was fell — or was pushed — from there, rather than his own room.

Post mortem

A post mortem conducted in the Ivory Coast found his body had signs of him being in a struggle, but this was contradicted by the British authorities.

Three years after his death, following a two-week inquest, a coroner in Bedford recorded an Open verdict on the Martlesham Heath research laboratory worker, who lived in Belstead Avenue, Ipswich.

The novel, *The Domsday Conspiracy*, describes how a group of people who have seen a UFO are systematically assassinated by the secret services before they have time to spread the news.

At the end of the book, Sidney Sheldon lists a number of people he believes may have been murdered in real life because of their involvement with UFO research, including Jonathan Wash.

Sheldon writes: "In the short space of six years, 23 English scientists, all working on Star Wars-type projects, have died under questionable circumstances."

But today Jonathan's father John, who lives in Bedford, dismissed the claims as "absurd".

Mr Wash has always been convinced that Jonathan was murdered, but he does not believe the new theory. "Jonathan never mentioned UFOs," he said.

John said he was convinced his son, who lived in Belstead Avenue in Ipswich, was murdered and hopes one day to be able to prove it.

A BT spokeswoman said it was unlikely the company would want to comment on the claims.

HERALD-SUN, Melbourne, Australia - Sept. 14, 1992 CR: P. Norman

UFO expert set to probe Victoria fireballs

A UFO expert may travel to Melbourne to investigate countless reports of lights across the sky last night. Balls of flame were seen hurtling across Victoria and southern NSW about 9.30pm.

Pat Geildea from the Victorian UFO Research Society said a field investigator from the society may visit Melbourne to compile a list of the sightings.

Mr Geildea said he had received scores of calls from all over Victoria and Melbourne.

"I estimate it is probably space junk but it didn't come in on a normal pattern," Mr Geildea said.

"It's probably part of an old spy satellite that broke up as it came down."

"There's a lot of stuff out there and it has to come down sooner or later."

Mr Geildea said the object would have been high in the air when it broke up and it was unlikely any debris would reach the earth.

Dozens of people alerted the *Herald-Sun* last night after seeing the phenomenon.

One caller from Moe said: "Half the sky was lit up for about four or five seconds." Another from Laverton said he saw "a yellowy orange light with three smaller lights behind it. It all lasted for about five seconds and the lights were really moving and leaving a jet stream behind them".

A spokesman for the weather bureau said they received many calls about the mystery lights.

"There is nothing meteorological supposed to be happening but my guess is it

would be a meteorite or a satellite breaking up," he said.

The Civil Aviation Authority said today it also received calls, some from as far as Sydney.

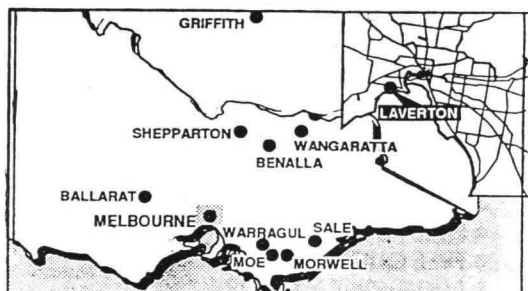
The lights were reported to police in Albury, Griffith, Ballarat, Wangaratta, Warragul, Morwell, Moe and Sale.

Ballarat police said one worried caller thought a plane had crashed, and a Warragul man was convinced the lights were an alien spaceship.

A Glen Waverley man said today he saw a "bright red flash" in the sky that looked like an explosion.

"I was expecting this morning to hear of an aircraft coming down," he said.

The man said the object was not travelling very fast and was between Glen Waverley and the Dandenongs.



● Where the mysterious lights were seen.



Stone Age Art Shows Penguins at Mediterranean

By MARLISE SIMONS

TOULON, France
French divers have discovered a partly flooded cave filled with prehistoric rock paintings and engravings, a great underground amphitheater studded with running horses, bison and deer as well as images of human hands believed to have been drawn some 18,000 years ago.

The cave lies deep inside a cliff on the edge of the Mediterranean. Its murals have surprised specialists because they include drawings of seals and penguins, the first images of such sea creatures ever found in Western Europe's prehistoric caves. Seals still exist here today but the penguins are an unusual souvenir from an era when much of Europe was under ice and the Mediterranean was a chilly region with a climate more like today's Scandinavia.

Historians have compared the great parade of

more than 100 animals to the paintings of Lascaux, in France's Dordogne, which is widely held to be the region's most beautiful collection of mural paintings of the Paleolithic era. They say that the newly found paintings are fewer, but possibly several thousand years older than those of Lascaux.

The ancient art gallery was discovered in a cove on Cap Morgiou, 7.5 miles southeast of Marseilles, a region of unspoiled inlets and cliffs and a favorite haunt of divers who like to explore its grottos and crevices.

Henri Cosquer, a diving instructor who often explored the area, first saw the paintings in July 1991, when he and several friends entered an underwater hollow at a depth of 121 feet. Here the swimmers threaded through a narrow tunnel 574 feet long that steadily rose until it reached the first of two great caverns. As Mr. Cosquer later told it, he was astonished when a searchlight suddenly revealed the first image: the black outlines of a human hand.

Although a small team of divers photographed and explored the chambers last fall, researchers have taken almost a year to study their initial findings and to assure themselves through tests of charcoal and calcium deposits that the paintings and engravings are indeed from prehistoric times. They have published their first study in the latest issue of The

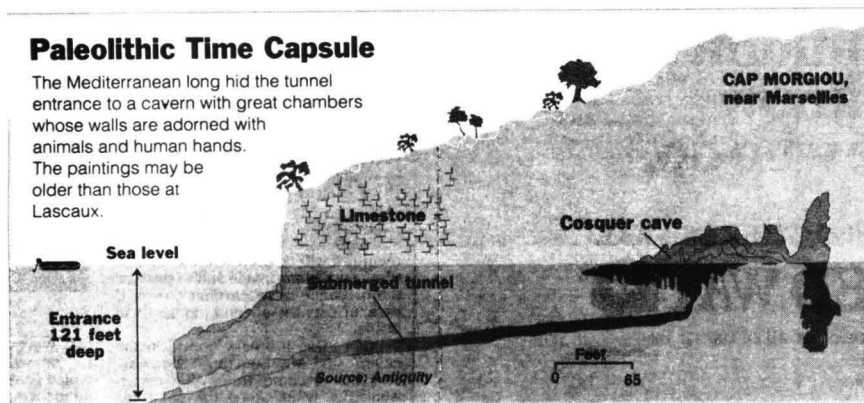


Gamma Liaison

Penguin drawn about 18,000 years ago in cave on Mediterranean coast of France.

Paleolithic Time Capsule

The Mediterranean long hid the tunnel entrance to a cavern with great chambers whose walls are adorned with animals and human hands. The paintings may be older than those at Lascaux.



French divers have discovered a cave with an underwater entrance that rivals Lascaux.

Bulletin of the French Prehistoric Society, as well as in the journal Antiquity, but during new explorations of the cave this summer the researchers have found many more paintings and engravings than they cited in their report.

Few people have entered the chambers since then. Three divers from Grenoble who set out to explore the underwater passage two months after Mr. Cosquer were found drowned in the narrow, pitch-black tunnel. French Navy divers have put a gate in the only passage leading to the caves.

In September the French Government declared the cave a historic monument, pre-empting local plans already on the table to develop the cove there for tourism.

Stone Age Artifacts

"It's a very important find, the first on the coast and the first in this region," said Philippe Grenier de Monner, a director of archeology at the Culture Ministry, noting that this will make an important change on the map of prehistoric mural art. Most of Europe's painted prehistoric caves are in southern France and northern Spain, but they are several hundred miles to the west. "We knew that people lived here in the Stone Age because we had found tools and remains," he said, "but we had never found their art work east of the Rhone."

DAILY POST, Birmingham, England - Dec. 7, 1992 CR: J. & C. Bord

Experts are baffled by riddle of dead birds

MYSTERY surrounds the bizarre deaths of hundreds of starlings on a lonely lane in Anglesey.

Tests have shown that the birds' livers may have been "cooked".

One theory is they may have been struck by lightning as they perched on overhead cables.

About 300 of the birds were found dead or dying along a 20-yard stretch of a single track road four miles from the village of Bodedern.

Some were piled on top of each other while others were discovered in hedgerows.

The horrific find was made by a Welsh Water workman and Anglesey based officers from the Royal So-

Horrific find in lane

By David Greenwood
Daily Post Staff

ciety for the Protection of Birds were called to the scene.

Alistair Moralee, senior RSPB warden on the island, yesterday described the incident as a complete mystery.

"I have been with the society for 10 years and have never seen or come across anything like it before."

"It was quite heartbreaking. An unusual aspect was that we didn't find any dead birds in the fields on either side of the track.

"They were in a confined area." Some of the birds were sent away for post-mortem examination by scientists at the Government Agricultural Development Advisory Service centre at Trawsgoed, Aberystwyth.

"We are still waiting for a full report," said Mr Moralee. Initial findings are now being studied and test are under way to see if the dead birds could have been poisoned.

Mr Moralee said: "At this time we don't know exactly what happened. From what I have been told it appears the birds' livers had been

subjected to some kind of heat.

"The livers were bronze coloured, which is how they would look if cooked."

Lightning

Mr Moralee stressed he was keeping an open mind about the incident.

"Lightning is a possibility. There are overhead cables in the area of the lane and we all know that they are a favourite perching place for starlings."

He added: "It is strange that only the liver was affected. You would have thought that other organs such as the heart would have been damaged."

Mr Moralee thinks the birds had landed safely on the ground but were then stricken by something extraordinary.

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Tests fail to solve riddle of 300 dead starlings

THE mystery of what killed 300 starlings along a quiet country lane in Anglesey deepened last night.

A leading environmental consultant has confirmed that the birds found dead or dying near the village of Bodedern were not poisoned.

Gareth Jones, of the Welsh Office Agricultural Development Advisory Service at Trawsgoed, near Aber-

By David Greenwood
Daily Post Staff

ystwyth, admitted he couldn't throw any light on what happened to the birds. Mr Jones, who carried out exhaustive pesticide tests, said post-mortem investigations at the ADAS laboratory had drawn a blank.

He said: "Our main concern was pesticides. We tested for the three main groups but all proved to be negative."

"However I believe we can safely say the birds weren't poisoned."

Mr Jones said ADAS had received a call from a member of the public who recalled a similar happening on the Llŷn Peninsula many years ago.

One theory being investigated is that the birds may have been struck by lightning as they perched on overhead cables.

Tests have shown that the birds livers had a "cooked" appearance.

But experts have thrown doubts on the lightning explanation because weather centres have no record of storms in the area at the time.

Airlines cite fail-safe plumbing, but blue goo still falling

BY GARY WASHBURN
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — For everyone except the suburbanites whose homes and cars have been hit by blue-green goo, the strange outbreak of droppings in the Chicago area over the last three weeks has been the subject of considerable mirth.

But the bizarre phenomenon is much more mystery than comedy.

The victims are convinced they've been strafed by the contents of airliner lavatory holding tanks, but government and airline experts are perplexed and virtually clueless as to how it's happening.

That's because the backup systems and the backup-to-backup systems that are built into the power, flight control and other components of airplanes that ply U.S. skies are also present in the humble lavatory system.

Three plugs designed to prevent unintentional discharge would have to fail or be left in the open position for solid waste to be released from a typical aircraft's holding tank, experts say.

The first is a drain valve at the bottom of the tank, which is in the plane's belly. When open, the plug allows waste to travel through a drain tube that runs down to the bottom of the aircraft.

Near the bottom of the tube is the second preventive feature, a drain plug or doughnut. Like the drain valve, it is manually opened and closed, in this case with a portable handle used by the ground crew.

Just beyond the plug, on the outside of the fuselage under a door that covers a service panel, is the third line of defense, a drain cap. When it is pulled out, it drops down and away, permitting a hose from a "lav truck" on the ground to be connected to the drain pipe.

The drain system can be operated only from the ground; there are no controls in the cockpit.

After the holding tank is emp-

ty, the portable handle used to open and close the doughnut cannot be disconnected unless that plug is properly in place and seated.

And the service panel door cannot be closed unless the drain cap is shut and locked.

If the door were left open, it would be subjected to the stresses of flight.

"If it goes out into the slipstream, chances are you are going to lose it," said one airline official who asked not to be identified. "If the panel is gone or torn, we are going to pick that up in a second."

Moreover, if the lavatory system drained in flight, ground workers probably would find streaks of waste and colored disinfectant on the fuselage or wings.

If all of the plugs were open, people aboard a plane probably would be aware something was amiss, according to a government official who asked not to be identified.

"The flight crew would know about it because they would have problems with pressurization," as pressure traveled from the cabin down the drain pipe, he said. Passengers with sensitive ears would experience discomfort and, "I'll tell you one thing—you don't want to be sitting on the toilet."

"There also would be one hell of a howl in the bathroom," he said. "In fact, the lav door probably would collapse."

Jetliners sometimes develop leaks in a line used to fill the lavatory tank with disinfectant. Under the right circumstances, the clear liquid can trickle onto the fuselage during flight and freeze into an ice chunk that gets progressively bigger until it breaks off, falling to the ground.

But that is a far different situation from a sudden in-flight opening of an aircraft's holding tank, according to experts.

Officials at first suspected that the recent droppings—reported in patches in a wide area from Lake Michigan west to

Warrenville, Ill., from the Wisconsin border south to Flossmoor, Ill.—came from flocks of geese or ducks.

But recent developments suggest that something more than birds is at work.

First, a lab analysis found that a sample collected in Lincolnwood contained seeds, plant material and human proteins from either fecal matter or vomit.

Second, an airline maintenance veteran inspected the stuff that hit his new Ford Explorer outside his Palatine, Ill., home and is convinced it's something he's seen many times before on the job: waste from a plane's lavatory.

Henry Little, 46, a maintenance crew chief for American Airlines, also has a theory about

how the discharges could be happening: A plane missing its doughnut plug and drain cap is flying Chicago-area skies.

Changes in pressurization as the jet comes in for a landing could permit the holding tank valve to pop open "40 or 100 thousandths of an inch," allowing some waste to drain, he believes.

A wide-body jet is the most likely culprit, according to Little.

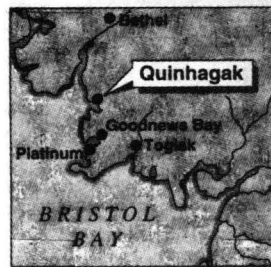
Because the holding tank are on these planes, some distance from the lavatory, the whistling noise might not be pronounced, he said. And because the drain pipe comes out at the bottom instead of the lower side of the fuselage, stains may not be evident.

FAA officials said they've talked to Little and were investigating his theory. But the airline executive wasn't buying.

"You always have positive pressure inside the cabin," he said. "You land and take off with ... pressure. If the cap is 6 inches in diameter, that's a fairly big chunk of pressure to lift off. For the drain valve to fail in the open position is pretty unlikely."

Big tracks, bad joke in Quinhagak

By JAMES MACPHERSON
The Tundra Drums



KEVIN POWELL / Anchorage Daily News

BETHEL — Word spread quickly across the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta last week that the legendary Hairymen had left some tracks in Quinhagak, but police determined they were the hoax of four of the village's high-school teachers.

The teachers, Pat Hanley, Dan Walker, Tim DeBilt and Marc Leinberger, later admitted to strapping on huge foot-shaped pieces of plywood and plodding around the village in darkness. The fake Hairymen tracks terrified many of the community's 450 residents,

done for the enjoyment of the kids, not to make fun of anyone. If our actions were perceived as making fun of the Yup'ik culture, we are sincerely sorry and ask you to accept our deepest apologies."

Village Police Officer Darryl Small, who said "it was a bad joke," and fellow officer Walter Patluska were flooded with phone calls from people concerned about the tracks. After investigating, they determined the tracks were fake and did their best to get the word out. But several residents still requested police escorts.

On Monday, the teachers went to each classroom in the school to show students the fake plywood feet to assure them there was nothing to be afraid of, Hanley said.

Well-known Yup'ik storyteller John Active said a real Hairymen is "huge and full of hair and has blood-red eyes. He's about 10 to 12 feet tall, and he has arms so long that his knuckles touch the ground. When he runs, he can swing on his arms. That's why he's so fast."

Active said few people in this part of the state have seen the Hairymen.

"That Hairymen is a lonely son-of-a-gun," he said of the supposedly elusive, ape-like creature.

Hairymen's Yup'ik name comes from the screams he makes, Active said.

"When his lower jaw comes loose, he lets out a blood-curdling scream. We call him Urayulik, which means 'expert at making a bellowing noise.'"

prompting the teachers to apologize.

In southwest Alaska, it is widely believed that a Hairymen does indeed exist. And he is no laughing matter, as the trickster teachers quickly found out.

"We thought it would be funny, but it certainly didn't turn out that way," said Hanley, one of the four pranksters.

In a letter of apology delivered to every post office box in the village this week, the teachers wrote, "We had no idea the Hairymen was associated with Yup'ik culture in any way. If we had known this was a belief, we would never have even considered making the footprints."

"The entire incident was

Krantz: Book can't prove Sasquatch

■ He wants curious to find out for themselves

By Bill Loftus
of the Tribune

PULLMAN — Grover S. Krantz, a Washington State University anthropologist, says he hopes his new book about Sasquatch won't convince anyone of the creature's existence.

"No, and I hope it doesn't," Krantz said. "In order to really know something, you have to go out and gather the evidence yourself."

"I would hope my book would nudge skeptics more toward neutral and I would hope some of the true believers would back off," he added.

Krantz fielded dozens of questions from the curious who turned out while

he signed his book, "Big Footprints, A Scientific Inquiry into the Reality of Sasquatch," Friday afternoon at WSU's campus bookstore, The Bookie.

"Have you ever seen one?" asked one passerby who stopped to talk to Krantz.

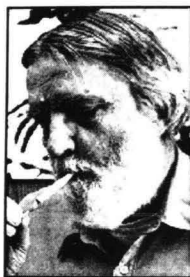
"No, I never have. But I've talked to about 80 people who say they have and I'd believe a little over half of them, about 45," Krantz replied.

Dozens of Bookie customers at least stopped to leaf through the book or ask a question. He sold 46 books during the two-hour signing.

The first part of the session was dominated by students and friends, Krantz said.

Those who stopped later happened upon him by chance or were drawn more by their interest in Sasquatch lore than any personal link, he added.

Krantz said his book examines the



Grover Krantz

Krantz said he gave the report about a 90 percent chance of being accurate. "It could have been a very large man taking very large strides and wearing a hooded sweatshirt so

evidence he has been able to accumulate about the West's legendary missing link.

One visitor asked Krantz about an August report of a Sasquatch sighting at Spalding in which eight people reported seeing a creature they couldn't identify.

are also rare, although perhaps not as rare as some might think.

His collection of Bigfoot footprints cast in plaster now holds evidence of some 20 individuals, he said. That may represent 1 percent of the total population, he estimated, meaning the West may hold as many as 2,000 Sasquatches.

your ability to predict when you'll be in a serious accident," he replied.

Michael Pritiken, The Bookie's general book department manager, said Friday's signing boosted sales of Krantz's book to 80 since it arrived the first week of November.

"It's been doing very well. A

book a week is considered good sales for most titles," Pritiken said.

Another book buyer, who introduced herself as a wildlife biology student, questions how Sasquatch has eluded capture so long.

The animals are nocturnal and wily, Krantz replies. They

A sea serpent of our very own

2 scientists aim to persuade others a monster's offshore

By Sandi Doughton
The News Tribune

Scientists don't often have to duck flying vegetables at scholarly meetings. But then again, not many of them stand up in front of their peers and talk about sea serpents.

"I hope the audience isn't sitting within what I would call tomato-throwing range," jokes Vancouver, B.C., biologist Ed Bousfield, who on Tuesday will present the first research paper on a Loch Ness monster-type creature called Cadborosaurus.

Sightings of the long-necked, small-headed beast have been recorded for hundreds of years along the Pacific Coast of British Columbia and Washington state and the inland waters around Vancouver, Victoria and the San Juan Islands.

Now, Bousfield and collaborator Paul LeBlond have compiled and evaluated scores of those reports and tracked their geographic distribution. At the annual meeting of the American Society of Zoologists, in Vancouver, they will argue that the evidence for the monster's existence is compelling and deserves a serious look.

"We are going to say that the animal almost certainly exists," said Bousfield, a retired professor who is a research associate with the Royal British Columbia Museum. "We have the credibility and the public on our side, but we have to swing the scientific community over."

LeBlond, a professor of oceanography at the University of British Columbia, said

the sheer number and similarity of the observations make a powerful case for further investigation.

The two researchers have chronicled about 80 published sightings and accounts of the beast and have interviewed many of those who swear they've seen it. This year alone, 12 sightings have been logged, Bousfield said.

The scientists also have studied claims that six specimens of the creature have been discovered — but never preserved or scientifically examined — including a live baby netted and released by a whaler in 1968 and a 10-foot juvenile taken from the stomach of a whale and photographed in 1937.

"I don't think all these people are either

lying or hallucinating," LeBlond said. "The evidence would probably be enough to hang somebody in court, but it might not be enough to convince the skeptics."

Indeed.

"Skeptical," said Peter Lutz, an expert in marine reptiles at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, is a mild word for his reaction. "They might have found something. And someone might have discovered a man in the moon."

Bousfield and LeBlond say they're used to such disbelief from their own co-workers. And they acknowledge sea serpents and their ilk are well outside their own areas of scientific expertise.

Bousfield spent his career studying tiny marine crustaceans called amphipods, while LeBlond probes the physics of waves

and currents.

But independently, both became fascinated with tales of Cadborosaurus, or Caddy, which neither has ever glimpsed.

"Finding something that hasn't been discovered yet is the whole point of science," LeBlond said. "It's curiosity."

Using the techniques of mainstream researchers, the pair culled sightings and stories they considered suspect.

They pieced together a description of the creature that, they say, is remarkably consistent across observations: A very long neck, with a small, horse-like head and snout, front flippers and a single tail fluke, like a whale. Adults are probably between 40 and 60 feet long, Bousfield said.

It's also possible to infer a lot about the creature's lifestyle from the description, the scientists believe.

Because Cadborosaurus, named for Cadboro Bay near Victoria, breathes air, it's probably a cold-blooded reptile, Bousfield believes.

He says it has been clocked at up to 25 mph, and seems to migrate seasonally: Most of the summer sightings are in inland waters, around the Strait of Georgia and the San Juan Islands. In the winter, the creatures are spotted more often on the Pacific coast of Vancouver Island.

Knowing the animals' distribution pattern, it may be easier to convince other scientists to launch a full-scale search for them, Bousfield said.

"It's not exactly a needle in a haystack anymore," he said.

But Lutz said the chances of finding funding or supporters for the work still are slim — and the odds that there's anything out there are minuscule.

"It's almost certainly true there are species yet to be discovered," he said. "But large species, living in inhabited areas — the chances become vanishingly small."

If Caddy were real, it would have large clutches of young like sea turtles and other marine reptiles, Lutz said. With that many babies zipping around, he said, someone would have a specimen in hand by now; even if there were no infants captured, dead adults would float to the surface or wash up on the shore.

"There's not a single bone of any of these animals, or a piece of skin," he said.

A lone photograph, 55 years old, is weak proof of anything, he said.

And centuries of eyewitness reports also aren't credible scientific evidence, added Lutz, a Scotsman well-seasoned in Loch Ness lore.

"People want to believe in it," he said. "It's very romantic to have a monster and you can become quite famous if you discover one."

One true Caddy believer is a Mercer Island woman who says she has seen the creature three times from her family's vacation home in the San Juan Islands.

The woman, who asked not to be named, said her most recent sighting was in June, as she walked to the beach at dusk.

"As I walked down, I heard something slip into the water," she said. A stench of rotting flesh fouled the air. "The odor was unbelievable."

From her vantage point on a log at the water's edge, she saw the silhouette of a long neck and sinuous body looping out of the water. She froze, and watched silently.

"It gave this terrible scream — I never heard anything so vicious, ferocious — then it just sort of

sank down in the water and disappeared," she said.

Last summer, she said, she found on the beach a small, stick-like creature that may have been a young Caddy, and a few years ago, she saw a similar creature swimming offshore.

But she didn't tell anyone until she read a newspaper account of Bousfield and LeBlond's work.

"I decided I don't care if people believe me or not," she said.

Bousfield and LeBlond hope somebody at the Zoological Society meeting will believe them, or at least follow up on their report.

Bousfield would like to see an expedition launched, like the recent sonar search of Loch Ness — even though that effort found no evidence of a large sea serpent.

"We're just within an ace of solving this thing and capturing a young one," he said. "It's just a matter of time now."

LeBlond would be happy if other scientists just start discussing the creature and examining the records for themselves. And he wouldn't even mind if a few tomatoes are lobbed at the meeting.

"That would be an honor," he said. "So many scientific meetings are so boring, a little action would be welcome."

BIA investigates report of Bigfoot sighting

LAPWAI — Authorities from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Friday investigated yet another report of a Bigfoot sighting.

"We weren't able to confirm anything," said William Aubertin, supervisor of criminal investigations. He said two BIA officers scoured the hills west of town for about three hours but "drew a zero."

Nonetheless, Tess (Greene) Sherman said she and at least three other people

saw a very large, black creature moving rapidly uphill through farm and grazing land.

"It was all black and it was huge," Sherman said. She said her family was having a dinner in town when they made the sighting. She and three other people drove in a pickup truck to get a better view.

"It stopped and looked at us," Sherman said. "We tried to cut it off, but I didn't want to go through with it. I was scared." Sherman, 29, works for the Nez Perce Tribe.

Asked if she thought it might be a hoax, Sherman said, "No way. It was going up that hill way too quickly. Any ordinary person couldn't walk up that hill that fast."

Sherman said she was skeptical after initial reports of Sasquatch sightings here some three weeks ago. "But after yesterday, I believe it. There's one out there," she said.

Man questions Sasquatch search

While others roam the world, expert hunts here

By DAVID MILLER
The Prescott Courier

While a Tucson explorer packs his gear for a Mongolian Sasquatch search, a local man questions the whole endeavor.

After all, if Bigfoot is roaming the hills behind your home, why cart the operation to the outer reaches?

"I wish him a lot of luck, but I don't think he has to go that far," says Paulden "Bigfoot" expert Lyle Vann, a self-professed Sasquatch hunter who claims he's the only Arizonan to have popped the lumbering primate — on film, that is.

"You can find a Homo Sapien-type creature right here," Vann said recently from his Paulden headquarters.

He's responding to recent reports that a Tucson man, J. Richard Greenwell of the International Society for Cryptozoology, is planning a Mongolian venture, in search of a

Bigfoot-like being called "Almas." And Greenwell, like his Bigfoot-hounding counterpart, is certain Almas walks the Mongolian way.

So certain, in fact, that he recently hooked up with a Mongolian good-will delegation traversing the U.S. by bicycle.

To find Almas, Greenwell needs a cash supply. This is where the Mongolians cruise into the picture.

Only, they too are feeling tight financial times.

"We discussed the area, the plan, the cost," Greenwell said recently by phone from Tucson.

"They're raising funds (in Mongolia)." Only they look to Greenwell for high-speed lenses and night-vision gear — a pricey bit of beast-hunting booty.

But if anyone can raise the money to find the monster, Greenwell suggests it's the Mongolians.

He notes that many of the small

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— Lyle Vann
Bigfoot expert

Asian country's two million people believe in the existence of Almas, thought to be a lanky relative to prehistoric Neanderthal man.

Meanwhile, Lyle Vann remains in Paulden and works on his coming book, which he says will blow the lid off this whole Bigfoot thing.

"I've been working on this book for several years," says Vann, 54, of "Alien Evidence," which he hopes to have on the racks sometime next year.

And in it, he says he'll include scores of stories on Sasquatch and UFOs, all of which are related, by the way.

"They're connected," Vann says of Bigfeet and aliens.

"They're protected by higher intelligent beings."

And extra-terrestrials, in turn, use

the giants for physical labor.

Not only that, but much of this symbiotic coupling occurs in Arizona, and close to home, he says.

"Prescott is called the doorway for UFOs," he says. "I think it has to do with the high energy vortex in this part of the country."

Vann, in fact, is so convinced that he's dedicated the better part of 20 years hunting the wily wildman, and in running his Arizona Bigfoot Center in Paulden.

The center makes no profit, and is only interested in furthering relations between man and his meandering cousin, Vann maintains.

"All living things have the right to be here," he says. And, if his colleague is correct, a right to roam in Mongolia as well.



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Lyle Vann

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THE FACTS MUSEUM

RAYMOND NELKE CURATES A WAREHOUSE OF STRANGE INFORMATION

BY C.D. STELZER

FROM ITS EXTERIOR, THE MODEST BUNGALOW on Shields Avenue appears much the same as others on the quiet suburban block. But inside its brick walls, the Jennings residence is filled with paranormal phenomena.

A small room upstairs and most of the basement have been taken over by these unexplainable forces, and Raymond Nelke, the homeowner, is quick to point out their imminent danger, warning a visitor to watch his step as he traverses floor space cluttered with boxes and stacks of newspapers and magazines.

As founder and sole curator of the Collectors of Unusual Data-International (COUD-I), Nelke oversees this curious depository, which has received requests from programs such as *Unsolved Mysteries* and *The Larry King Show*. The media inquiries were probably directed to the bizarre archive by a reference in the *Encyclopedia of Associations*, which explains that COUD-I "monitors and compiles information on paranormal and occult events and phenomena such as perpetual motion devices, arcane aspects of the Kennedy assassination, and strange meteorological events."

"I was always interested in strange and unusual things," says Nelke, peering through thick spectacles. A line gauge on the kitchen table is a reminder of another of Nelke's longstanding affinities — the printed word. The metal ruler measures points and picas. Before retiring in 1989, the former printer worked for more than 37 years for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

On this Saturday morning, the man from COUD-I has just been interrupted from a routine intelligence-gathering operation. Resting close at hand are the tools of his current trade: scissors, paper, paste, an ink pad and two rubber stamps. A dissected edition of his former employer's publication is stuffed into a brown paper bag at his feet. Other newspaper pages still litter the kitchen table.

When asked how many different categories of unusual phenomena he collects, the 65-year-old archivist springs from his kitchen chair and waves an arm. "Come on, I'll show you," he says. Then he turns the corner, descends a narrow set of steps and begins his guided tour.

IN THE BASEMENT, STACKS RUN FROM CEILING to floor, and there are more to be added. "I've got all kinds of shelves that have to go up. I'm cataloging these books, too. I've got 600 cataloged, but I haven't even touched these racks. Here's all the Kennedy-assassination stuff — (there's) twice this amount in boxes," says Nelke, as he gingerly circumnavigates cardboard boxes bulging with news magazines and piles of grocery-store tabloids.

Lining the shelves are rows of fat loose-leaf binders with titles that read like an index to both the fantastic and macabre: UFOs, psychics, sea monsters, crypto-zoology, miracles, murders,

ghosts and treasure hunting. Many others are devoted to the recent Gulf War.

In one small enclosed corner of the basement, there are open files on what appear to be hundreds of subjects. "OK, you want to start counting?" asks Nelke with a laugh, his baseball cap jauntily askew.

"These racks are where I put stuff to mail out to different people and magazines," says Nelke, referring to a nearby series of pigeonholes. Nelke not only collects data, he sends and receives it — COUD-I is a weird clearinghouse. For example, on this day, copies of an interview in *The Riverfront Times* by Thomas Crone with freak-show impresario Jim Rose fill the slots. Among Nelke's 20 regular correspondents are two professors, one in chemistry, the other sociology. But the network's mailing list is not limited to academics.

COUD-I shares information with Chuck Shepherd, editor of "News of the Weird," a syndicated column featured in the *RFT*. In addition, Nelke sends material to Tim Cridland, the Torture King in Rose's Circus Sideshow. Cridland, whom Nelke met personally when the troupe came to town earlier this month, is known for eating light bulbs and impaling himself with hat pins and meat skewers. He is also a conspiracy theorist.

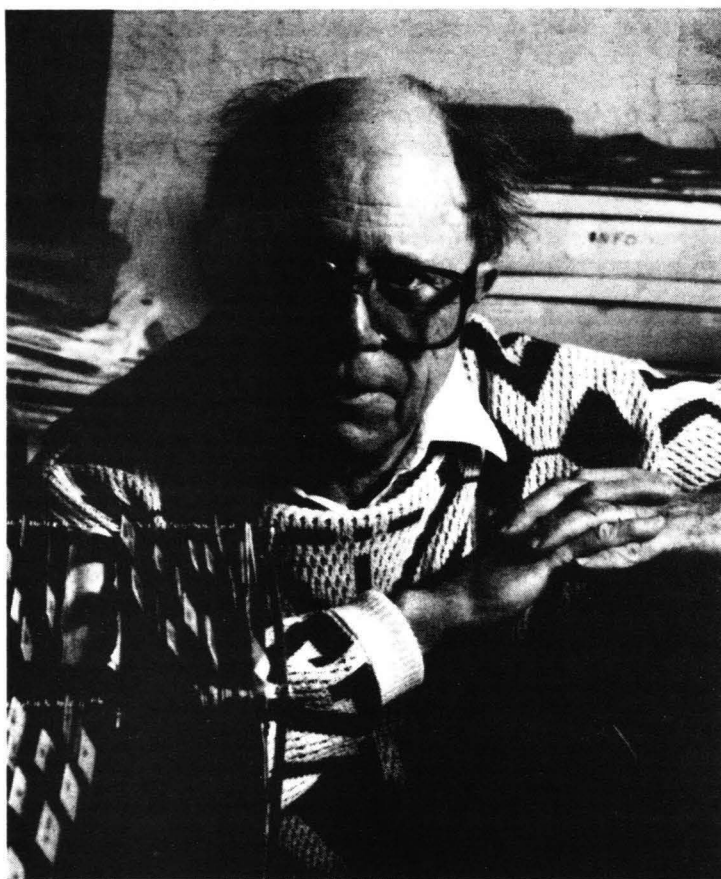
"What turned me on to this is a lot of publications in this field," says Nelke. The periodicals Nelke subscribes or submits data to include *Weirdology*; *Artifex: A Journal of Cyberbiology*; *The Gate*; *Pursuit: The Magazine for the Investigation of the Unexplained*; *Fate: True Reports of the Strange and Unknown*; *INFO: A Publication of the International Fortean Organization* and *The Fortean Times*.

Nelke first latched onto *Fate* magazine in the early 1950s. In its back pages, he found names and addresses of other readers with whom to correspond. Through one of these kindred souls, he learned about Charles Fort. Nelke was so impressed that he still considers himself a Fortean today.

Fort, an iconoclastic New York City newspaperman, lived from 1874 to 1932 and subscribed to the philosophy of "enlightened skepticism." This is one of his more notable quotations: "I conceive of nothing in religion, science or philosophy that is more than the proper thing to wear, for a while." During his lifetime, Fort compiled some 70,000 examples of unexplainable phenomena, which scientists found convenient to ignore. Fort went on to publish four books, the most famous being *The Book of the Damned*.

In these volumes, Fort reported UFO sightings dating back to 1870 and listed 294 instances of peculiar aerial bombardments. Things falling from the sky. Things like worms, frogs, snakes and coffins. Fort also cited such strange discoveries as ancient Greek and Roman coins being unearthed in rural Illinois.

Fort's work attracted the attention of the literati, including Theodore Dreiser,



Raymond Nelke

Lincoln Steffens, Ben Hecht and Clarence Darrow. After his death, novelist Tiffany Thayer carried on his philosophy by forming the Fortean Society. The cover story of the September 1937 premiere issue of the Fortean Society magazine featured a headline that asked a question still being tossed about: "Who Killed Earhart and Noonan?"

ONE INTRIGUING CONUNDRUM THAT HAS long fascinated Nelke is the Voynich manuscript.

In 1990, Nelke filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act with the National Security Agency (NSA) to obtain more facts about the medieval manuscript. He chose the NSA because it is in the code-breaking business and the Voynich manuscript is written in an unknown alphabet. The spy organization replied by sending an article on the subject, but if the agency knew the secrets of the text, it failed to inform Nelke.

The 204-page manuscript acquired its name when it was bought from an Italian Jesuit school in 1912 by English book dealer Wilfrid Voynich, who then urged cryptographers to solve the riddle. In 1921, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, William Romaine Newbold, claimed to have finally deciphered the mysterious language. Newbold declared the manuscript to be the work of 13th-century Franciscan friar Roger Bacon. Newbold said the arcane script proved Bacon had developed the microscope and telescope 400 years earlier than previously thought. Since his death in 1926, however, Newbold's translation has been refuted.

The Voynich manuscript, which remains an enigma, was purchased in 1960 by New Yorker Han Kraus, who, after being unable to sell it for \$160,000, donated it to the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University.

Another of Nelke's favorite mysteries is the Beale ciphers, a strange code that has more than one St. Louis connection.

Between 1819 and 1821, Thomas Jefferson Beale made two gold and silver strikes in what is now Colorado. In each case, he transported tons of treasure back East and buried it in the same vault near what is now Montvale, Va. Beale lightened the second half of his latter trip by trading some precious ore for \$13,000 worth of jewels here in St. Louis. Before leaving Virginia for the West the last time, the prospector entrusted Robert Morris, an innkeeper in Lynchburg, Va., with an iron strongbox.

If he failed to return, Beale later wrote from St. Louis, Morris was not to open the box for 10 years. The innkeeper waited more than twice that long. In 1845, he opened the trunk to find three numerical ciphers. Letters inside indicated a St. Louis man was to have arrived with a key to the code in 1832.

Because the courier never appeared, Morris and later James Ward spent decades trying to translate Beale's cryptic messages. Finally, in the early 1880s, Ward succeeded in breaking one of the ciphers, which had been based on the 1,322 words in the Declaration of Independence. The broken code contained an inventory of the treasure and how it was to be divided among heirs, but it didn't contain the location. Some speculate the story is a hoax, but if it's true, the value of the booty today is estimated at \$20 million.

"Basically all this stuff is folklore," says Nelke. "It's reoccurring themes." Themes he continually collects — and sometimes misplaces. "Every time I lay something down, everything falls," laments Nelke, searching the floor for a bit of obscurity lost in a morass of newsprint. "It's a strange world I live in."

The Ice Man cometh

When he goeth, he leaves Sasquatch footprints

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Bigfoot is probably the Ice Man. Tuesday, Sasquatch investigators made molds of footprints found by deer hunters near Highway 9.

After a story appeared in *The Herald* Wednesday, Cliff Crook at Bigfoot Central in Bothell received a phone call that unraveled the mystery.

Crook talked to Don Rasmussen, Snohomish County code enforcement officer. It

seems that Rasmussen has a "client" in that vicinity who lives in the woods. Rasmussen accurately identified the location to Crook.

Rasmussen said the big foot belongs to a man nicknamed the Ice Man because he swims area rivers and lakes through the winter.

"I was aware that he runs around barefoot, day and night," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen said the Ice Man toughens his feet this time of year by going shoeless.

When Rasmussen last visited the man a month ago to discuss code situations on his property, he inquired about his swimming.

"I asked if he was swimming every day in the Still," Rasmussen said. "He said, 'No, it's way too warm.'"

Rasmussen said he's talked to the man while the man stood barefoot in a mud puddle.

"I've been out when he's wearing only light polyester pants with snow beating down on him," Rasmussen said. "I think that's your Sasquatch."

Crook was not disappointed that

the tracks were definitely human, he said. After the article appeared in *The Herald*, he was peppered with calls from around the country, asking where the prints were located and reporting print sightings, he said.

"I have concluded it is a human footprint," Crook said. "The number one suspect is the Ice Man."

Like any satisfied detective, Crook is confidently putting this report in the file cabinet.

"I'm glad when I can close an investigation," Crook said. "I hate to leave anything hanging."